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TIENTSIN TO FALL

"NATIONALISTS" DUE.

NORTHERNERS DROP BACK.

A UNIFIED CHINA?

Southern Flag Already Hoisted in Peking.

FOREIGN POWERS DECIDE TO HOLD AREA.

The beginning of the end of dual government in China! Optimists go as far as to predict that startling developments during the week-end will pave the way to the union of China Proper under one administration.

With dramatic rapidity, the allies of the Nationalist federation have moved forward and secured an almost bloodless victory. In fact, the vanguard is expected to arrive at Tientsin to-morrow, the Treaty port 70 miles from Peking.

To maintain access to the sea for the Legations at Peking (in accordance with Treaties), it is imperative that Tientsin should be kept clear. Military representatives of America, Britain, France, Italy and Japan have been in conference. The ultimate decision, after some disagreement, was to hold an area with a radius of seven miles from Tientsin, including points of importance.

The disposition of the British forces in Tientsin is given below. In well-informed sources in Hong Kong, the extent of the Southern success is made out to be even greater than is indicated in messages from the North.

STARTLING MOVES.

It is suggested that the Nationalists are already in Peking—and Peking is 70 miles beyond Tientsin. What may have occurred is that the Ankuochun Government has decided to evacuate and withdraw outside the Great Wall again, back into the fastness of Manchuria. Following rumours to this effect, the pro-Nationalist element in Peking may have raised the "clear sky, white sun" standard of the Southern for the first time in the Northern capital.

Foregone Conclusion. Expert observers consider the news of the Nationalists being in Peking as an exaggeration. A peaceful turnover is a foregone conclusion now, said one of the "China Mail," but Marshal Chang Tso-lin will ensure the complete withdrawal of the whole of his army before he walks out.

There are Manchurian troops at Peiping, on the Peking-Hankow Railway, 90 miles from Peking. To preserve the alignment—even though the Northerners will not fight—China Tso-lin is not likely to give up Tientsin until his units at Peiping and along the Peking-Hankow Railway are on trains bound for Mukden.

Troops of the allied Nationalist and Southern Armies are advancing on Tientsin (which is only 70 miles from Peking) and they are expected to reach Tientsin by to-morrow, says a Reuter cable from Shanghai.

FOREIGN TROOPS.

Some Difference of Opinion at the Conference.

Shanghai, To-day. The foreign troops at Tientsin (totaling 8,500) include the following: 4,000 Americans, and 20 aeroplanes, five tanks, five field guns; 1,000 British; 3,000 French.

about 500 Japanese (most of the Japanese garrison having been sent to Tsinan before trouble broke out there).

The foreign commanders held a conference on May 11.

There was some difference of opinion between the Japanese Lt.-Gen. Arai (who, according to information in Hong Kong, is the senior officer) and the American, British, French and Italian commanders.

The Powers' Decision. Eventually, however, the conference decided to picket points within a radius of seven miles of Tientsin, and also that Japanese troops be entrusted with the guarding of important points in the Tientsin Concessions, including the important east railway station, and the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Mukden Railways.

There is no news from the North to-day owing to interruption in the cables beyond Chefoo, which may last three days.—Reuter.

BRITISH FORCES.

Names of Regiments At Tientsin.

Hitherto, the British forces at Tientsin formed a distinct command, i.e., the North China Command. During the Great War, there was only one Command for the whole of China, namely, that at Hong Kong.

After the arrival of Major-General John (now Sir John) Duncan, the Tientsin area was incorporated with the Shanghai Defence Force into the North China Command.

Two battalions of British infantry are at Tientsin, as follows:—

1st Batt. East Yorkshire Regiment.
2nd Batt. Border Regiment.

There are also detachments from the Royal Engineers and the Royal Corps of Signals at Tientsin.

Colonel Commandant R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., is in command.

Ships in the Vicinity. In addition to the land forces, there are a number of British warships in North China, as follows:—

H.M.S. "Hermes," aircraft carrier, at Chefoo.

H.M.S. "Foxglove," sloop, at Wei-hai-wei.

H.M.S. "Bluebell," sloop, at Chin-wang-tao.

H.M.S. "Sirdar," destroyer, at Tsingtao.

It is also to be noted that with the beginning of summer, the China Squadron moves north. H.M.S. "Berwick," the new cruiser, left to-day. H.M.S. "Titan," with the submarines and H.M.S. "Marzon," are cruising up the coast, bound for Wei-hai-wei.

SURPRISE CAPTURE.

How Yen Hsi-shan Moved on Tsangchow.

Shanghai, To-day. While the capture of Tehchow by Feng Yu-hsiang's (i.e., the "Christian General's") Kuomintang was not altogether unexpected in view of the Northerners' policy of falling back without offering resistance, the announcement by General Yen Hsi-shan, the Nationalist governor of Shan-shi province, that his troops have captured Tsangchow, situated

between Tientsin and Peking, is very surprising.

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TSINAN EVENTS.

An English Eyewitness's Account.

SAW MUTILATED BODIES.

Japanese Praised For Mastery Disposition.

Shanghai, To-day.

An English eyewitness at Tsinan praises the efficiency of the Japanese Expeditionary Force, firstly, for maintaining the Shantung Railway (from Tsinan to Tsingtao on the coast) which, at one time, had been cut in no less than eighteen places, secondly, for the Expedition's military dispositions, notably in cleaning up the Nationalists from Tsinan; also the enthusiasm with which 6,000 Japanese troops who confronted 100,000 Nationalists and boldly took the initiative, attacked and drove back the Nationalists wherever they were found within a zone of seven miles; and causing about 2,000 casualties.

The eyewitness saw bodies of mutilated Japanese civilians.

A General Dismissed. He discredits Chinese official accounts of the mutilation after death of Mr. Tsai Kung-shih (the Nationalist Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Tsinan) who is now believed to have been killed by machine-gun fire when he was with a detachment of Chinese troops endeavouring to recapture the Foreign Affairs Bureau.

It is noteworthy that the Nationalist Government Council has passed a resolution dismissing General Ho Yao-tsu whose army was implicated in the first clash with the Japanese at Tsinan.—Reuter.

[Note: General Ho has been succeeded by General Fang Ting-ying who led the ex-Wampoa Cadets away from Kwangtung owing to a difference of opinion with Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton.]

The Nationalists accuse the Japanese of mutilating Mr. Tsai's body. This the Japanese denied. Later on, however, they believed that he had been shot down, as is reported on Page 12 of this issue.]

CHANGE IN OPINION.

Japanese Papers Urge Govt. to Withdraw.

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese newspapers unanimously urge the withdrawal of Japanese troops as soon as possible, pointing out the gradual change in public opinion abroad and therefore advising that military operations in China, by the Japanese, be minimised.—Reuter.

U.S. STANDPOINT.

Nationalist Government Asks a Question.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A message from Nanjing states that the Nationalist Government has called President Coolidge calling attention to the "fact" that Japanese troops have invaded Shantung and are actually waging war against China, etc.

"We have throughout exercised the utmost self-restraint trusting that the cause of international peace and justice is a common concern of civilised nations. Our people all remember that the final settlement of the Shantung question was effected by the good offices of the friendly Powers, specially the United States and we desire to know the attitude of the American Government and people towards this grave situation created by Japan."—Reuter.

AMOY FEELING.

Boycott More Rigorous: No Outbreak.

Amoy, Yesterday. Though the feeling against the Japanese is rising, no untoward incidents have hitherto occurred. The anti-Japanese boycott, however, is becoming more rigorous.—Reuter.

HIS FIRST WIFE.

Mrs. Dempsey Appears in New York.

"AS IF FROM DEAD."

Dramatic Return After Believed Dead in a Fire.

New York, May 2.

A sensation has been caused, especially in pugilistic circles, as a result of the re-appearance in



Jack Dempsey.

New York of Jack Dempsey's first wife, formerly Maxine Gate, as though from the dead.

She married Dempsey in 1916 and was reported to have been burnt to death in a fire at a dance-hall at Juarez, Mexico, in 1924.

She now announces through her solicitors that she intends to bring an action immediately to set

GOING TO RAIN?

South winds, moderate, squally, cloudy; some rain in the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.
Pressure is high over the Conins and over S.W. China.

aside the divorce decree granted to Dempsey at Salt Lake City in 1919, on the ground that she had not had sufficient notice of the ex-champion's intention to divorce her.

She denies that she has ever been to Juarez, and says that she only emerged from her retirement because she sought, after the Dempsey-Slack trial in 1921, to vindicate her name against the attacks made upon her in a series of magazine articles dealing with Dempsey's life.

Dempsey, accompanied by his wife, the film actress, Estelle Taylor, is staying here in connection with litigation with his ex-manager, Jack Hearns.

Dempsey's only comment when Reuter told him of the woman's claim was:—"Well, I'm real glad to know she is still alive."

VOTING IN ITALY.

MUSSOLINI'S NEW SYSTEM.

Rome, Yesterday. The Senate by 161 votes to 40 has adopted the Electoral Reform Bill.

Signor Mussolini explained that the choice of a member for the list of candidates would mean his designation as a member of Parliament, and the general vote would merely approve this designation.

The raison d'être of the new system was the recognition of the fact a trade union was neither outside nor against the State, but was recognised by the State and consequently entitled to represent all categories.—Reuter.

CAR TOUTS.

TWO FINED FOR PESTERING.

Two motor car touters were charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. One man who was arrested in West Point had a previous conviction and was fined \$10. A fine of \$5 was imposed on the second man for pestering pedestrians in Connaught-road Central.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 9/16.

PROTEST TO LEAGUE.

Nationalists Cause A Flutter.

PEKING ACTION.

Not Felt That League Can Do Much; Who Was Aggressor?

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Chinese Nationalist Government's protest to the League in regard to Japanese occupation in Shantung caused something of a flutter in League circles, largely owing to the fact that the Nanking Government is not a member of the League. Consequently, from the juridical viewpoint, the Nationalist appeal has hardly any standing.

It is believed that Japan will also submit her case to the League.

It is learned in private source that Mr. Cheng, Chinese Minister at Paris, who is a member of the League Council, has applied to Peking for instructions in regard to the attitude he should adopt at the forthcoming meeting of the Council if the matter is discussed.

It is thought not unlikely that the Peking Government will associate itself with the Nanking appeal, thus rendering it acceptable to the League Council but it is felt that the whole thing will be very embarrassing for the Council and unlikely to enhance its prestige. Even should the Council decide to act its means that the action would be ineffectual as it would be impossible to define the aggressor.—Reuter.

A FORMAL CALL.

TWO JAPANESE WARSHIPS HERE.

SEEING THE SIGHTS.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), accompanied by Captain A. J. L. White, R.E., A.D.C., called on Vice-Admiral Kobayashi this morning, the latter having paid his respects at Government House yesterday, on arrival with the two cruisers "Idzumo" and "Yakumo."

The customary salutes were fired yesterday.

The Admiral, Prince Takamatsu (who is a Naval Lieutenant), Captain Hiroto of the "Idzumo" and Captain "Idemitsu" were guests of the Japanese Residents' Association at a Chinese tiffin in the South China restaurant yesterday, when Mr. Kimoshita (President) was in the chair.

Last night, Mr. Y. Murakami (Japanese Consul-General) was host to the distinguished visitors on the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden.

The officers and men have come ashore on sight-seeing trips, visiting Tai Kok Doekyard and the Orient Tobacco Factory, Kowloon.

The two cruisers will go on to Manila as part of their itinerary.

SHARKS' FINS.

DELICACIES BENEATH RUBBISH.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Mr. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy with the theft of 15 catties of sharks' fins from No. 34, New Market-street. The first man admitted the theft, whereupon the police withdrew the charge against the second defendant who was represented by Mr. Horace Lo. The Magistrate accordingly discharged the man. The police stated that the first defendant was a rubbish cooler. Because a District Watchman was watching him, the man passed by a basket of rubbish without emptying its contents. This aroused the watchman's suspicion. He emptied the basket himself and found the sharks' fins in the bottom of the basket, concealed underneath the rubbish.

"THREE CASTLES."

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BY CHINESE.

Senior Revenue Officer, George Watt, this morning charged a Chinese before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession on board the s.s. "Tung On" of 480 "Three Castles" cigarettes, on which duty had not been paid. A fine of \$20 or six weeks' jail was passed, and the cigarettes were ordered to be confiscated.

YANGTZE WAR.

Upper River Attack On Yang Sen.

60 JUNK-LOADS OF TROOPS.

Old Rivals May Clash In Top Reaches.

War along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River is indicated in a British Naval wireless despatch sent yesterday.

The report comes from Chung-king, which is 1,400 miles from the sea. Former rivals are believed to be the belligerents. General Liu Hsiang and General Ko Yu-tung, who are in power in Szechuan, are said to be attacking General Yang Sen, who holds the east of Szechuan and the west of Hupeh.

It is stated that Yang Sen's opponents have fitted out an expedition of sixty junk-loads of troops to move down the Yangtze.

So far, there has been no confirmation of any actual fighting.

STOLE PULLEY.

COALING COOLIES ON S.S. "DEVILIN."

JAIL AND FINE.

This morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. W. Schofield, two Chinese coal coolies were charged with the theft of a pulley block and shackle, while coaling the s.s. "Devilin" on Sunday.

Mr. Solberg, chief officer of the vessel, appeared as complainant.

He said:—"Yesterday morning the coal coolies arrived at the side of the ship at about 6 a.m. for the purpose of coaling. The vessel was in mid stream, being moved at buoy E.20. At 8 o'clock, precisely, I missed the pulley block and shackle, and told the foreman in charge of the work, that if he did not produce the stolen articles in five minutes, I would call the Police. It was not brought back in the time allowed, so I signalled the Police. Rather a long while elapsed before the latter arrived, and before they did, the foreman came forward with the missing articles.

"When the Police came on the scene, I informed the Sergeant that the foreman had recovered the goods. The Police then further investigated the matter, and through the help of the mistress of a sampan which had brought the coolies to the ship, they arrested the two defendants."

Further evidence was given by the mistress of the sampan, and by the foreman. Both clearly said that defendant's actions were rather suspicious.

Defendants said that they found the pulley and shackle in the middle of the coal in one of the bunkers of the lighter alongside the vessel, and as it was in the way, they removed it by throwing it on the sampan.

His Worship said he thought their acts extremely suspicious. First defendant was fined \$50, with the alternative of 6 weeks' imprisonment, while the second culprit was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour.

SENHOR BARBOSA.

RETURNS TO MACAO TO-DAY.

12 DAYS IN COLONY.

H.E. the Governor of Macao returned to that Colony this afternoon after spending 12 days in Hong Kong.

The visit was absolutely unofficial and Senhor Barbosa's stay was in the nature of a rest. He has been accompanied by his wife and Alde-de-camp. During his stay in the Colony his place of residence has been the Repulse Bay Hotel.

STOLE CLOTH.

A Chinese yesterday walked into the On Kay piece goods shop, No. 143, Queen's-road Central, and snatching up a roll of cloth worth \$16, bolted out of the shop. Fokis gave chase and the man was eventually stopped by a policeman. This morning before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy, he was charged with the theft of the cloth, and his Worship passed sentence of four weeks' hard labour.

DEVISING MEANS.

Prevention of Infectious Diseases.

DR. KOCH'S RESOLUTION.

"To Be Undertaken By Local Medical Men."

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That this Board respectfully suggests to the Authorities the propriety of setting in action investigations into the possibility of devising means for the prevention of the prevalent infectious diseases, such as typhoid, malaria, tuberculosis, etc. It further suggests that such investigations might be undertaken by local medical men under the direction of the Government, and that their reports be published for the guidance of the community."

CAR BURGLAR.

YOUNGSTER TO HAVE A HIDING.

A cat burglar gained access to the first floor of No. 223, Queen's-road Central last night by climbing a drain pipe. He stole a coat and was about to escape when an inmate of the flat was awakened and blew a police whistle. The thief climbed over the next door verandah and then slid down a piping into the arms of a policeman who had been attracted by the alarm and stood at the bottom waiting for the thief. When produced before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, the thief, a youngster, was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the rattan.

34 CENTS.

THIEF'S STRUGGLE WITH WATCHMAN.

On Saturday afternoon, a Chinese picked the pocket of a compatriot in Des Voeux-road Central and stole 34 cents. He was observed by a District Watchman who promptly seized him. The thief struggled violently and struck the watchman who had difficulty in holding his prisoner until assistance arrived. In the meantime the victim who did not know that he had been robbed, was lost sight of. The pickpocket appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning and his Worship passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

MIDWIFE ROBBED.

TWO CHINESE STEAL BAG.

Chan Yuk-see, a midwife living at No. 2, Morrison Hill-road, reported to the police that at about 8 p.m., yesterday, whilst she was waiting for a tramcar at Kennedy-town, two Chinese men approached her from behind and snatched a brown leather bag from her hand. The bag contained \$200 in notes and some jewellery worth \$222. She raised an alarm but the thieves managed to get away before assistance arrived.

JUSTIFIED.

POLICE AND BOMBAY RIOTS.

Bombay, Yesterday. The jury, by 7 votes to one, found the police superintendent who killed a mill worker justified in firing.—Reuter.

[An earlier cable, dated April 23, describing the incident, says that thousands of strikers demonstrated in front of the mills, and started stone-throwing. The police were unable to control the crowd, and the Superintendent fired his revolver at the demonstrators, killing one and wounding one.]

FOUR WEEKS H.L.

For the theft of three bundles of clothing from the Tai Shing goldsmith shop, No. 489 Queen's-road Central, a Chinese yesterday before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

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POLICE ORDERS.

INDIAN MAGISTRATE'S CENSURE.

AN EXPLANATION.

Calcutta, Saturday.
With reference to the conflicting reports published abroad regarding the findings of the District Magistrate in Bengal, heard the case and rejected the strikers' petition, but, as cabled, incidentally censured Capt. Christie, who appeared as a witness but was not among the accused.—Reuter.

[A Reuter message dated the 9th instant, stated:—The District Magistrate, reporting on the military firing during the rail strike riot, severely censured Captain G. H. Christie, commanding the Eastern Frontier Rifles, who opened fire on the orders of the Superintendent of Police.]

A FUKIEN RESORT.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.

TRANQUILLITY AT FOCHOW.

Fochow, April 28.
Many Fochow foreign residents have taken advantage of the ideal weather of the past month to go up to Mt. Kuliang to prepare their cottages for the summer season. The Rev. Harry R. Caldwell, President of the Kuliang Tennis Club, has just spent two days on the mountain, where he arranged for the resurfacing of the tennis courts. The various officers and committees of the Kuliang Council have already begun their preparations for a busy season.

Last year some of the usual visitors to Kuliang from distant places hesitated to undertake the long trip because of the uncertainty and unsettled conditions at that time. But last year's residents found Kuliang an ideal retreat from their strenuous life with its disquieting rumours. Kuliang continues its peaceful, quiet existence, undisturbed by either revolutions or bandits. Even the chairbearers and load coolies are content without any rise in wages. Consequently, this summer many more visitors are expected from the outports, especially since normal conditions have prevailed in North Fukien all the winter.

The Secretary of the Kuliang Council, Mr. W. H. Topping of Dingsheng, reports that cottages are renting this year for \$120 to \$200 which is about three-fourths of their normal rental. Single rooms are renting for \$50.—"N. C. D. News."

THE "BREMEN."

U.S. PLANES PROCEEDING TO GREENLY ISLAND.

"BACK TO CIVILISATION."

Washington, Saturday.
The Secretary for War, Mr. Davis, has ordered two amphibian Army planes to proceed to Greenly Island with a view to bringing back the trans-Atlantic "plane Bremen" to civilisation.—Reuter.

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GIRL COMMUNIST.

SHOT AT HANKOW: PITIFUL AFFAIR.

OPEN PLUNDERING.

Hankow, May 2.

The incident in connection with the communists who were living in the French Concession was officially closed after Yi Hsia-su and the other girl had been surrendered. The Chinese papers now narrate the final closing of the incident for Yi Hsia-su herself. At her first and second examinations she maintained silence, but at the third she admitted that she had written a large part of the contents of the "Great River" newspaper and on the strength of this admission she has been shot. The other girl is still held by the authorities. The time fixed for the execution seems to have been widely known.

In this connection a friend of a high official expressed to the writer the opinion that these executions are not accomplishing their purpose as a deterrent. She narrated how a boy of sixteen, arrested during a raid on a communist centre, was brought before the court. The presiding officer expressed the view that this child should be treated leniently as he had doubtless been led astray by the others. "Led astray," said the boy, "why I lead the others!" He now ranks as one of the heroes of the cause, and his readiness to be shot is doubtless proving an inducement to other boys to join the cause. Whilst one never wishes to see a human being sent to a Chinese prison, it is clear that a sentence of five years' imprisonment would be as effective a punishment for these children.

Two wealthy ladies who went out to the Hung Shan to worship have had an unpleasant experience. They seem to have gone unaccompanied by any men and were met by two gentlemen in the ubiquitous grey. The mere sight of the revolvers carried by the deserters was enough and not only jewellery, but also a large part of their clothing was handed over by the ladies.

Significant Lights on the War.

Whilst the recruiting sergeants are very busy trying to get coolies to go and join the Northern Expedition, there seems to be nothing but indifference on the part of the public towards this matter. The Chinese papers print what is served out to them in the way of news, but no one seems to believe that the truth is being told. Even the simple-minded business man can see that, if all were well, the Post Office would not decline to send parcels up the line to any place west of Chengchow.

It is understood that Chinese passports are more difficult to get just now, and recent applications from missionary ladies have met with a refusal. Even in the case of men emphasis is laid on the need for the applicant to have had much experience of inland travel. It is evident that the Chinese authorities know a good deal more than they tell.

Disbanded Scallywags.

We are already having hints of what will happen when the attempt is made to disband the troops. Each regiment which departs from here seems to leave some scallywags behind. Word just comes that three of these gentry attempted robbery on the malao behind the Chinese city last night and when the police appeared they opened fire. One policeman had his shoulder smashed by a bullet, another is wounded, and a passing water-carrier was killed outright.

RED "CELLS."

COMMUNISTS IN FRENCH NAVY.

Brest, Saturday.
A petty officer and six seamen of the French navy have been sentenced to imprisonment varying from five to 18 months for attempting to form Communist "cells" aboard the cruiser "Mulhouse."—Reuter.

FALSE ALARM.

At about 6 p.m., on Saturday, the Central Fire Brigade received a call to the City Hall, where an outbreak of fire was reported by telephone to have occurred. Two engines immediately turned out, but on arrival found that it was

CURIOUS VISITOR.

ARRIVES IN VANCOUVER IN SHIPMENT OF CROCKERY.

TAKEN TO MUSEUM.

Vancouver, April 3.

An unorthodox traveller from China, a most unprepossessing, though well known-citizen of the Orient is being maintained in luxury in the Parliament Buildings, Victoria. After a voyage from China to Japan and thence across the Pacific, he is being entertained, not by the premier or members of the cabinet, but in circumstances of great affluence, nevertheless.

He arrived in a shipment of chinaware which came to the home of Mr. A. H. Cross. Mr. Cross took one look at the big black creature, which seemed to have most of the nasty attributes of a spider, crossed with the worst features of a beetle and promptly took him to Mr. William Downes, entomologist to the Federal Government.

"This poisonous looking creature," said Mr. Downes, delightedly, is not an unwelcome guest. We will guard him carefully. We will feed him until he reaches an increasing maturity. We will study him with care. He is destined to occupy an honoured place in our collections. He is nothing to be afraid of. He is nothing more or less than the common or garden variety of Chinese cockroach."

Immigration Appeal.

A case of great interest to local Chinese has just been decided by the Court of Appeal. The right of the Crown to appeal from an order by Mr. Justice Gregory, granting leave to Chin Sack to enter Canada, was denied. The court acceded to the request of counsel for the Chinese, quashing the Crown's appeal and ordered the Crown to pay costs.

On the grounds that the landing certificates produced by Chin Sack on his arrival from China was not bona fide and that the Chinese mentioned in the certificate was really another, S. N. Reid, Controller of Chinese Immigration, refused to grant the Chinese entry. On appeal from that decision Chin Sack was given leave to enter by Mr. Justice Gregory. When the Crown appealed from this latter decision, the court ruled that it had no right to do so.

Marriage of Prominent Chinese.

From Ottawa comes news that two of the great families of China have been united by marriage in that city. It was a unique event for the capital of Canada, and was attended by many people prominent in official and political life. The bride, Miss Phyllis W. J. Lin, is a daughter of the late Lin Chang-min, formerly Minister of Justice at Peking, and the groom, Liang Shi-cheng, eldest son of Liang Chi-chao, noted Chinese scholar and reformer.

The Rev. John W. Woodside, of the Chalmers United Church, officiated at the ceremony at the Chinese Consulate.

There was much laughter as Miss Agnes MacPhail, spinster member of Parliament, was handed the bride's bouquet. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the University of Pennsylvania.

Opposition to Orientals.

While the opposition to Oriental immigration is as keen as ever in some quarters, little has been heard about the matter since the legislature concluded its session. At a recent meeting of the British Columbia Section of the Canadian Labour party, a resolution was endorsed favouring enfranchisement and naturalisation of Orientals resident in Canada.

At a meeting of the Vancouver and New Westminster Trades and Labour Council, this resolution caused a heated debate. Two Oriental delegates present, however, preserved an unbroken silence.

A motion by Delegate Fred Welch that the Council go on record as opposed to the resolution was laid over until May. Some speakers took the view that, if Orientals were good enough to sit with in Council, they were good enough to vote.

"We have Orientals here purely from an industrial viewpoint," countered Delegate Welch. "We are prepared to accept them and help them along these lines, but that does not say we are prepared to give them an equal voice in the government of the country."

"There are Orientals in this meeting," retorted another delegate, "object to them being treated like cattle."

"What are the 900 Orientals affiliated with this Council compared with the hordes in this city not organised?" queried Mr. Welch. "They would go to the polls irrespective of their knowledge of the country. In many cases, they would be got together and pushed into something at somebody's solicitation. Should we place them on the same basis as our own children? I believe this is not a Labour Party proposal but a Communist proposal directed against the wishes of the

TWICE SAVED FROM BEING AN INVALID FOR LIFE AFTER THE DOCTORS HAD FAILED BOTH TIMES.

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Doctors advised amputation of arms in 1917 to prevent death from blood poisoning and the second time cut out tonsils and extracted all teeth to cure rheumatism due as they thought to injuries. Man testifies that at both times Poo On Chinese Herbs were the only means of saving him from being an invalid for life, relieving him of terrible pain.

C. W. Owens, who now lives at 220

Leach-street, Modesto, California,

U.S.A., and who formerly lived at 551

Wolfe-avenue, Turlock, California,

said recently, "On March 20th, 1917, I

left Modesto for Tacoma, Washington,

where I was engaged in a logging

camp as head loader. I worked at

this trade up to this year. I was

on January 1st, 1925, while working

on a wharf, that a truck backed and

struck me. I fell and landed on my

right shoulder and leg. My right side

was badly injured and later on the

company's doctor examined me and

ordered me to go to a hospital.

I was in the hospital three months and

during this time eight physicians ex-

amined and treated me. Each had a

different opinion, but the majority

thought I was suffering from rheuma-

tism, due to my injury. Then they

decided I might get help from drug-

less treatments, but after taking them

for a while my condition was even

worse instead of better. The physi-

cians then thought that I had puer-

peritis and catarrhal troubles and ad-

vised that my tonsils and teeth be all

taken out and this was done accord-

ing to their advice. Then my hands

and joints all over my body began to

swell like a head to head milk can,

and I got worse and worse. My

wrists got as stiff as boards. My

head ached and I had pains all the

time over my body. My pains were

so bad that I could not sleep at night.

My appetite was absolutely no good

and I could only drink a little milk

or take a little light food. I could

not lie on my back or on my side. If

I did my breath would be cut short.

At times I could only lie on my left

side for 10 or 15 minutes but I was

the longest as my pain aroused

me. The physicians at the hospital

tried all they could to give me relief

and to cure me, but they said they

had done all they could, and that I

could only let nature have its own

course, as mine was an impossible

case. It was something unusual to

them and they exhausted their ability

to bring me satisfactory results.

They said that Nature will take her

course and the trouble will wear it-

self out. Then I began to think how

badly I was when in Modesto in 1916.

I was hurt and crippled up nearly as

bad—may be worse. At this time I

was examined by six physicians.

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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

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U.S. BILLS.

PRESIDENT AND SHIPPING MEASURE.

Washington, Yesterday.

Agreement on the final form of the McNary-Kauger Farm Relief Bill was reached at a conference of the Senate and the House of Representatives. It is still expected that the President will veto it.

The Conference also agreed to the text of the Merchant Marine Bill. No doubt is expressed that it will pass both Houses, but predictions are heard that President Coolidge is likely to veto it in interests of economy.—Reuter's American Service.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" from Hong Kong arrived at Marseilles on May 11 at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on May 12 at 6.30 p.m., left Shanghai yesterday at 2 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow afternoon.

The B.I. s.s. "Hatipara" left Shimonoseki for this port on May 11 p.m., and is due here on May 16 at about 6 a.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on May 12 p.m., and is due here on May 17 p.m.

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JUNKMEN ERR.

SEVERAL BEFORE THE MARINE COURT.

Charged with committing the offence of unlawfully mooring their trading crafts less than 100 yards from the low water mark, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 a.m., nine junkmen were on Saturday morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court, fined \$10 or 10 days' imprisonment. Lance Sergt. Bowers, of the Water Police, lodged the charge.

Pleading guilty to a charge of committing a breach of his cargo licence by carrying passengers, Cheung Sing, master of a passenger junk, was fined \$10 or in default 10 days' hard labour. Lance Sergeant Elliott made the arrest.

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THE NEW TURN IN THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL.

DYING MAN'S TESTIMONY.

New York.—Now that he is a dying man, Mr. Albert Fall, the former United States Secretary of the Interior, who received immense sums of money from the oil magnates, Mr. Edward Doheny and Mr. Harry Sinclair, after he had leased naval reserve oil lands to them, including the Teapot Dome lands in Wyoming, has only one regret in connection with the whole transaction.

In his invalid chair at his estate at Three Rivers, New Mexico, he testified that this regret was that he had lied to the Committee on Public Lands when he said that it was Mr. Edward McLean, a wealthy Washington newspaper

proprietor, and not Mr. Doheny, who had loaned him £20,000.

This lie was exposed when Mr. Doheny himself testified that it was he who sent £20,000 in a small black satchel to Mr. Fall, adding that he had loaned this amount to the Secretary of the Interior as an act of kindness to a very old friend. Mr. Fall declared that the historic lie was suggested to him by Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, ex-Senator Len Root, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Will Hays, the former chairman of the Republican National Committee. The implication of this declaration is that the leaders of the Republican Party feared that the revelation that the money came from Mr. Doheny would damage their party. Mr. Fall's testimony added another sensation to the investigation of the oil scandals. All the men concerned deplored categorically that there is a word of truth in it. Subsequently Mr. Sinclair was acquitted.

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JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Bombay, Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPUR	6,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	30th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KRYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NANKIN	7,058	28th July	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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T'au via Swatow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 27th May at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUTSANG	Fri., 18th May at Noon
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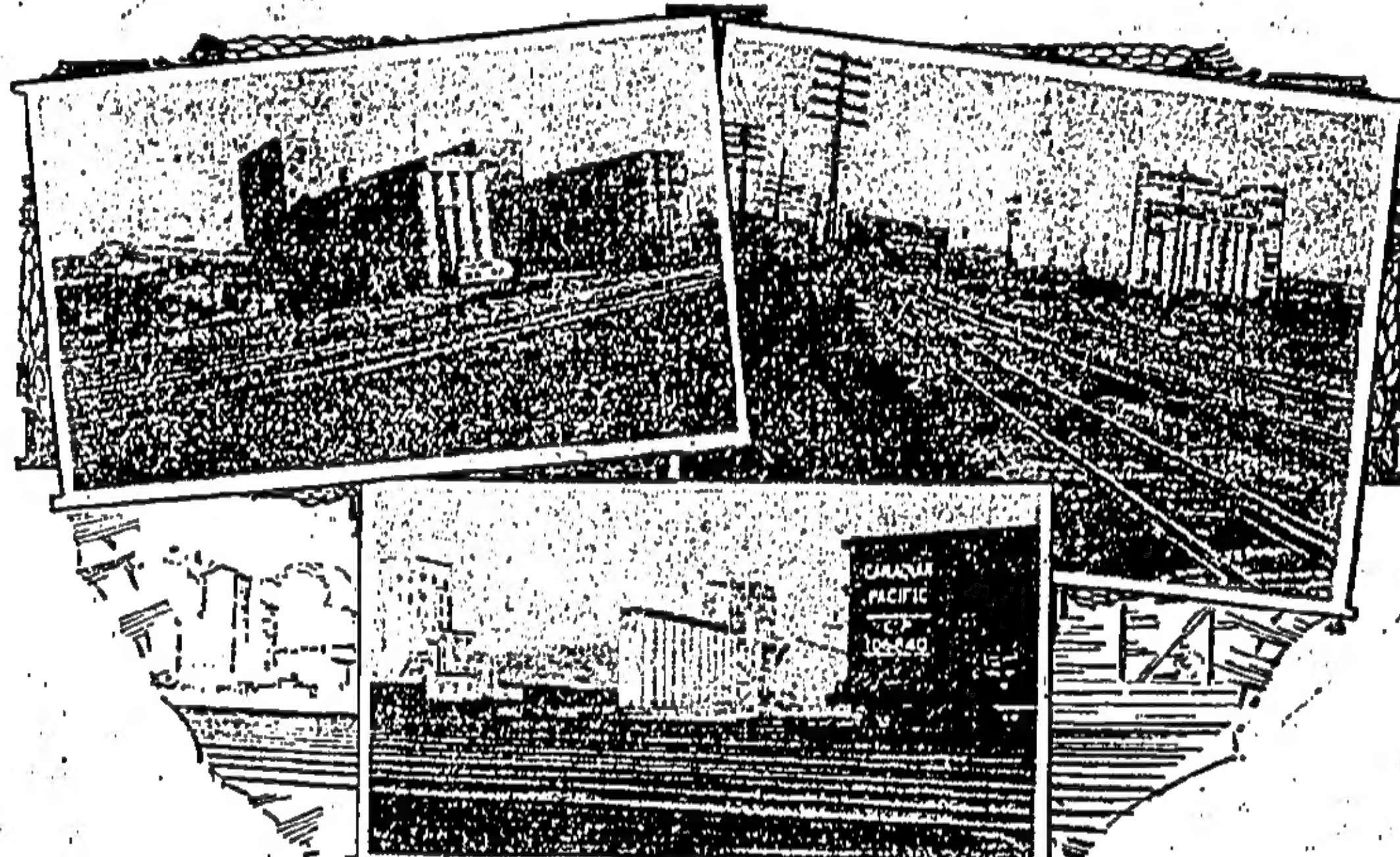
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been laid by the Canadian Pacific
Railway in serving the ports of
the Vancouver district, as shown
by the extent of the works now
underway about that city.

An indication of the programme
of extension of the already multi-
fold trackage facilities is given in
the plans being carried out at Pier
E-C at the foot of Granville Street,
and in the proposed new C.P.R.
yard at the south end of the second
Narrows Bridge, and of the allow-
ance for further additions when
necessary.

Mr. C. A. Cotterell, C.P.R.
General Superintendent, has issued
figures demonstrating the vast ex-

clusive of main and subsidiary
lines running through the yards
for the passage of through and
local trains, serving Vancouver and
her sister ports.

On the north shore to the south
end of the second Narrows Bridge,
the C.P.R. has more than 9 miles
of trackage. From the south end
of the second Narrows Bridge to
of the second Narrows Bridge to
the False Creek yard comprises
27 miles, and the south False Creek
Yard has between three and four
miles. In the Coalfield Terminal
Yards, serving both Vancouver
and New Westminster, there are 22
miles of trackage, with yard capacity
for double that mileage should
it become necessary. Another four

miles of yard rails lie west of the
Fraser River Bridge.

This trackage, so far as the
C.P.R. is concerned, is not only
taking care of a steady and normal
growth in trade through the great
port, but also handling an abnor-
mal expansion in westward grain
movement. Additions have been
made and others will be necessary
to care for this growing westbound
traffic which reached a peak in
the crop season of 1927-28. The
Canadian Pacific's first westward
wheat shipments were made in
1922, attained more than 50,000-
000 bushels in 1923-24, and reached
the record this spring of 63,000,000
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Kaulung; but they may be used for
the Victoria Naval Yard and Aber-
deen, the differences being very small.

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must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

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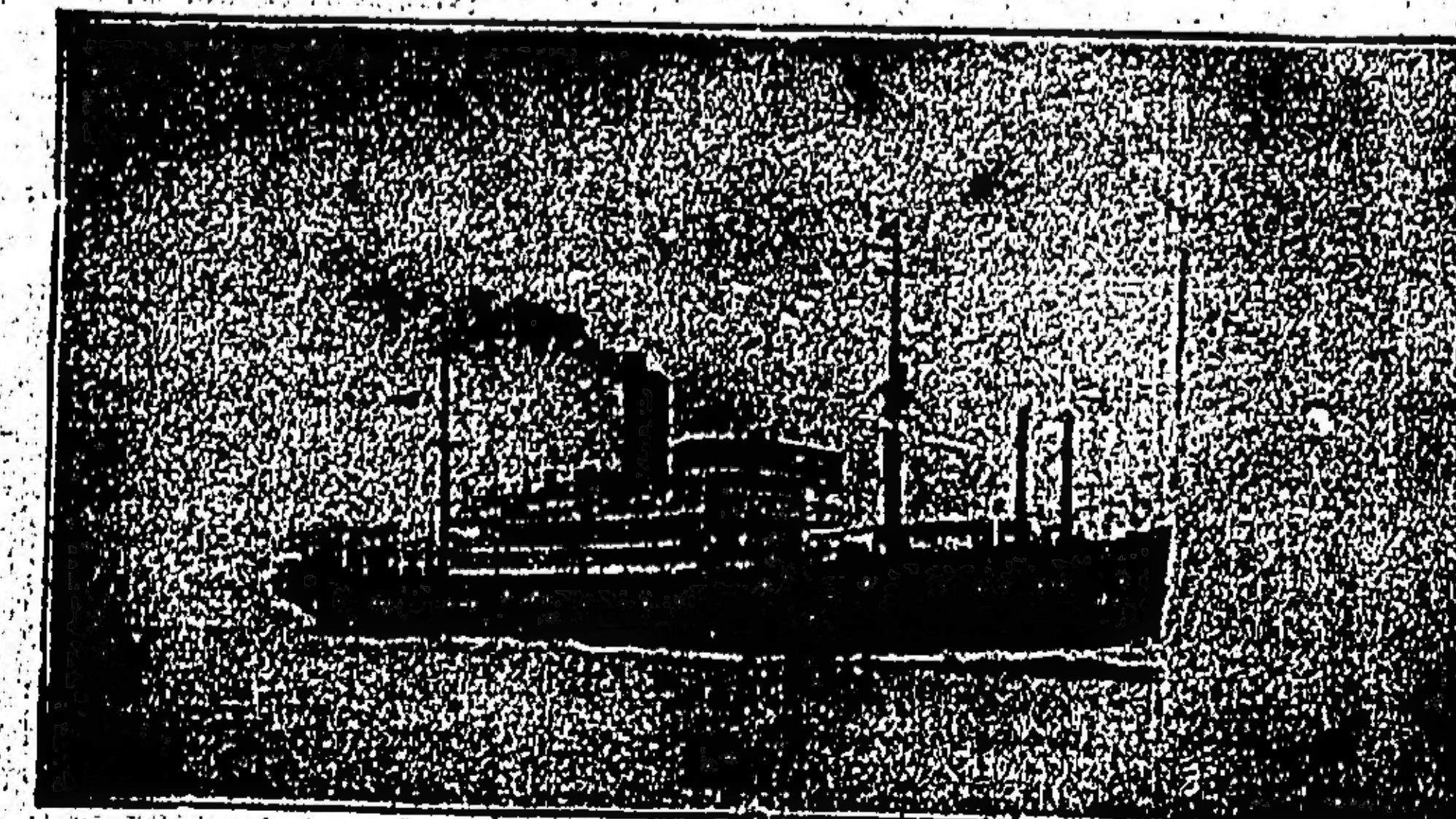
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May	Standard Time	Standard Time
Fri. 11	No inferior High	nor Low water
Sat. 12	11 21 a.m. 1.7	2 24 a.m. 1.5
Sun. 13	No inferior High	nor Low water
Mon. 14	1 28 a.m. 1.6	4 07 a.m. 1.5
Tues. 15	2 14 a.m. 1.7	5 10 a.m. 1.4
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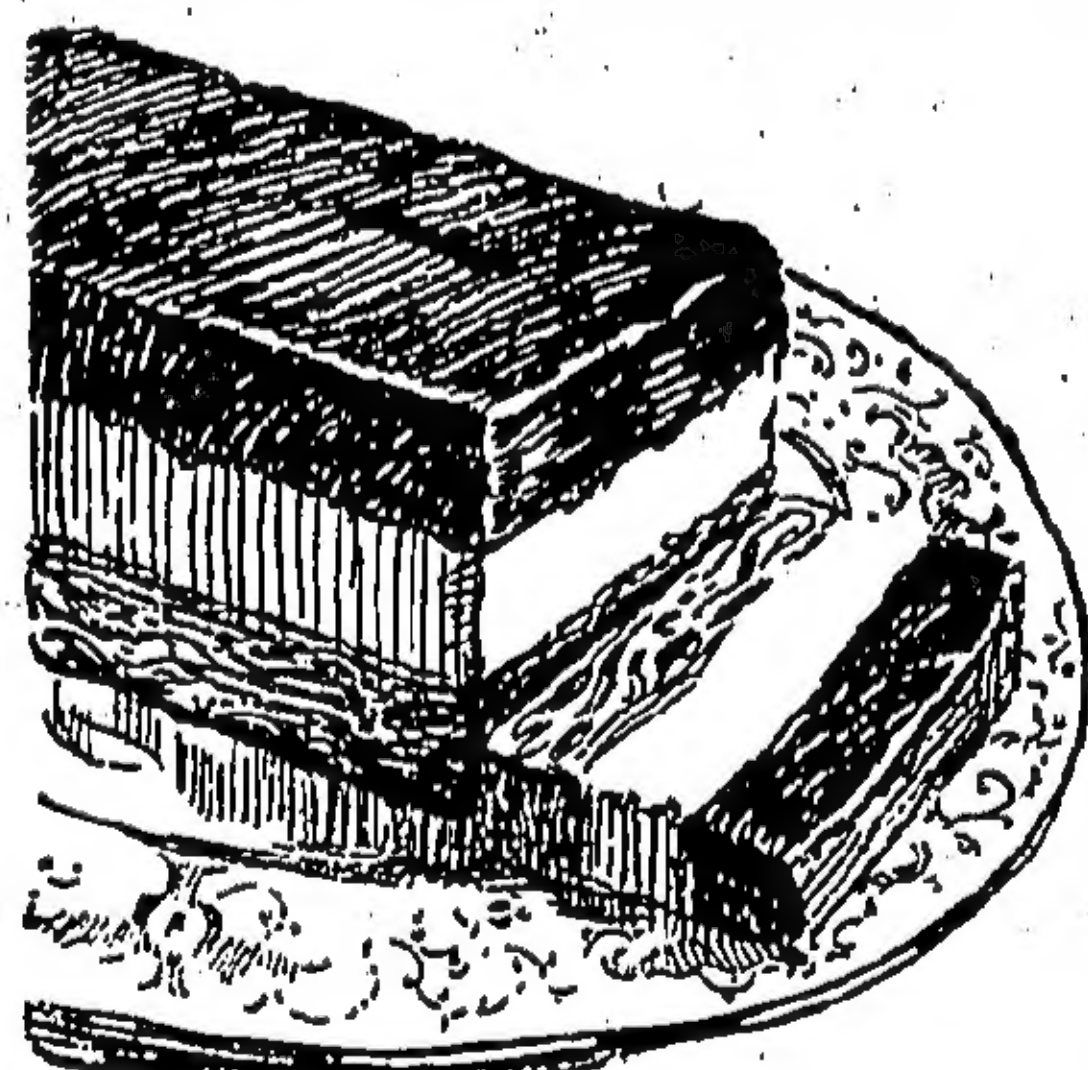
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DEATH.

GOLDRING.—At Shanghai, on
May 13, Philip Wallace
Goldring, aged 53.

Hong Kong, Monday, May 14, 1928.

LONDON-PEKING BY AIR.

By far the most absorbingly
interesting telegram that Reuter
has sent us for many months on
the ever-increasing evidence of
aviation's rapid progress is that
which we published yesterday in
our contemporary, the "Sun-
day Herald." The telegram
to which we allude is of
course that which mentions
that "an experimental air service,
between Moscow and Peking will
be run this summer, with the ob-
ject of providing a regular
through night and day service
from London to Peking in 1929." This
followed closely a Reuter
telegram of almost as much im-
portance, namely, the cable that
referred to the fact that a Dutch
company had practically complet-
ed arrangements for "a regular
air service between Holland,
India and the Dutch East Indies." It
is all very wonderful, even
though we have, of course, heard
much as to aviation's potential-
ities. We are indeed in the thresh-
old of the aerial age, regarding
which visualisations, more or less
accurate, have been made times
without number. To-day, how-
ever, we are well away from the
"fanciful" stages of aviation, as
to-day machines of various kinds
can remain aloft for hours and
seem to be almost as safe as
steamers or railway trains. In-
deed, if we mistake not, statistics
prove that there were last year

fewer air fatalities than either on
rail or sea, though of course there
could be no comparison between
the vast numbers carried by
steamer or train with those car-
ried by air. It is very doubtful,
no matter how safe aerial travel
may prove to be, if ever it can
possibly vie with the old familiar
methods of land or sea. For
safety's sake every species of air-
craft must travel at an average
height of at least 1,000 feet, and
that very fact will always have a
detering effect upon thousands
of people who are quite at ease
when sailing on the ocean perhaps
a mile or so deep or dashing along
in a compartment more or less
nicely adjusted upon two metal
lines of varying gauge.

But air travel will undoubtedly
always commend itself to those
who wish to travel rapidly; to
those to whom time is really
money and, for a long time yet,
to those to whom the fare is not
the most serious consideration.
The statement that the Dutch
concern which is about to start a
service from Holland to Batavia
will charge their passengers \$300
shows that at present and for
some time to come aerial
fares will be practically three
times the amount of steamer
fares—a very serious considera-
tion indeed, so far as the general
travelling public is concerned.

It is, however, not without a
thrill that we now read of the
fast approaching realisation of
the dreams and the long-cherish-
ed hopes of those who were more
frequently regarded as dreamers
rather than as practical indi-
viduals. Even fifteen years ago
passenger aerial travel from the
Netherlands to Batavia or of London
to Peking seemed as remote
as travelling from the Earth to
the Moon. Now apparently prac-
tical steps are to be taken to carry
passengers by air from the ex-
treme West to the Far East.
The journey via Siberia should be
easily accomplished in consid-
erably less than a week, permitting
of ordinary stoppages at night:—
London-Berlin one day; Berlin-
Warsaw less than a day; War-
saw-Moscow a day; Mos-
cow-Irkutsk a day and a half;
Irkutsk-Harbin a day; Har-
bin-Tokyo or Mukden a day;
Mukden-Peking half a day. By
express, in the big sleeping "cor-
ridor" aircraft that are also pro-
mised, the journey could of course
be considerably reduced. Un-
doubtedly we are on the threshold
of a period when distance is
fast becoming annihilated.

MR. P. W. GOLDRING.

WELL KNOWN SOLICITOR
DEAD.

17 YEARS IN "COLONY."

A cable reached Hong Kong yes-
terday conveying the sad news of
the death in Shanghai the same
morning of Mr. P. W. Goldring, a
well-known solicitor who had prac-
tised in Hong Kong for seventeen
years prior to going to Shanghai
about eight years ago. Mr.
Goldring's death occurred after a
very short illness.

Born some fifty-three years ago,
the deceased was a native of
Crouch End, Middlesex and was
educated at Woking School and
Clifton College, afterwards going
to Trinity College, Oxford where
he obtained his B.A. in 1896. He
was admitted to practice as a sol-
icitor in England three years later,
and came out to Hong Kong a little
later to join the local law firm of
Brutton, Hett and Goldring. In
1906 he started practice on his own
and carried on until 1920 when he
went to Shanghai.

During the war Mr. Goldring
served with the Hong Kong Volun-
teer Corps for one year. Then he
was for six months connected with
the Chinese Labour Corps, and sub-
sequently served for two years
with the Hong Kong Police Re-
serve. He married on January 29,
1919 to one of the Misses Luchung,
whose family was at that time very
well-known and popular amongst
the younger generation of local
Chinese.

NERVOUS STRAIN.

PLEA ON BEHALF OF A
COLLEGE GIRL.

STUDIED WHILE A GOVERNESS

A plea that the succumbed to a
mad impulse under the strain of
working during the day as a gov-
erness and study at night for a
B.Sc. degree, was put forward on
behalf of Dorothy Maud Jenkins,
of Compton-crescent, Chiswick,
when she was accused on remand
at the Marylebone Police Court of
stealing two books, value £2, from
the Bedford College for Women at
Regent's Park, where she was for-
merly a pupil.

Detective Oxland said that Miss
Jenkins called at the college and
took away twelve books and a
£1 note. She sold some of the
books, and returned the remainder
and the missing Treasury note to
Miss Tuke, the principal, after
Miss Tuke had written to her.

Counsel said that Miss Jenkins,
while studying at the College in
1925 for a B.Sc. degree, had a
nervous breakdown and had to leave.
Her father died. She then took a
position as a governess, and for two
years she had supported her
mother. So eager was she to ob-
tain her degree, however, that be-
sides doing her work during the
day she continued studying at
night, with the result that she was
worn out with nervous strain.

The theft all happened within
the space of an hour. If only that
hour could be cut out from her life
there would be nothing against her.
Mr. Hay Halkett.—But what an
hour! Imagine a man educated at
a college returning to the college
and robbing the students.

Mr. Hay Halkett said he had re-
minded her in custody because he
thought she needed a lesson. It
was a very serious matter to re-
turn to the college where she had
received all the advantages of edu-
cation and social intercourse and
rob the students. She would now
be discharged under the Probation
of Offenders' Act.

SEGT. MACFAGDEN.

DIES AT GOVT. CIVIL
HOSPITAL.

The death occurred at the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital yesterday
afternoon of Sergeant MacFagden
of the Hong Kong Police Force.

The deceased who had been in
indifferent health for some time,
had been a patient at the hospital
for about two months. For a time
there were hopes of his ultimate
recovery, but early last week he
took a turn for the worse, and sink-
ing gradually, reached the climax
yesterday when he passed away.

The deceased joined the Police
Force some three or four years ago
and had been a very capable officer.
Of a genial disposition, he was very
popular with his comrades in the
Force.

The funeral takes place this
afternoon.

\$20,000 RANSOM.

BANDITS CAPTURE AN IRISH
PRIEST.

Hankow, Saturday.
A report has been received to
the effect that an Irish Catholic
priest, Mr. J. Lalor, was captured
by bandits on May 5.

The ransom demanded for his
release is \$20,000.—British Naval
Wireless.

LOUVRE REPORT.

X-RAYS TREATMENT FOR OLD
MASTERS.

"THE DOUBTFUL"

The following is written by W.
G. Menzies in the London "Daily
Mail":—

Serious art students will learn
with regret that the findings of the
committee of experts now testing
the authenticity of the 9,000 paint-
ings in the Louvre by X-ray ex-
amination are not to be published.

All those taking part are pledg-
ed to secrecy, more especially as
it is already well known that there
are quite a number of paintings at
the Louvre, the genuineness of
which has been for a long time
suspect.

In fact there is not a public or
private collection of any magnitude
which does not contain certain
doubtful works, and for a gallery
of the importance of the Louvre to
continue to keep on exhibition
paintings which the X-ray test may
have proved to be false will go
far to rob it of its world-wide im-
portance.

National Gallery Changes.

At our own National Gallery at-
tributions are frequently being
changed. There are hanging in
the Gallery in Trafalgar-square
nearly fifty pictures which are now
attributed to artists different from
those whose work they were sup-
posed to be when purchased, and
there are many works which have
been bequeathed of which the at-
tributions have been altered.

Even now the attribution of
many of these is not definitely
settled. A notable instance is No.
757, "Christ Blessing the Child-
ren," which, now placed to the
school of Rembrandt, and possibly
by one of his many pupils, was
bought for £7,000 in 1866 as the
work of that master.

Rubens's "Miraculous Draught
of Fishes" was bought as a "Van
Dyck; Filippino Lippi's "Vision of
St. Bernard" as a "Masaccio; El
Greco's "Luigi Cornaro" as a
Titian, at the Hamilton Palace sale
in 1882; and the German School
picture, a Portrait of a Medical
Professor, from Richard, the deal-
er, as a Holbein for £630 in 1845.

Immediately after the purchase
of the last named the fraud was
discovered and an offer of £100
was made to the dealer to take the
picture back. This, however, he
refused to do.

Bought Under Other Names.

Three of our five works by that
great Venetian painter, Palma
Vecchio, were bought under names,
and Botticelli's "Adoration of the
Magi," No. 1,033, was bought for
£800 in 1873 as the work of his
pupil, Filippino Lippi.

The authorship of the "Adora-
tion of the Shepherds," No. 232, is
not definitely settled.

Bought as a Velazquez at the
Lords Philippe sale in 1853 for
£2,050, and still believed to be
probably a very early work influ-
enced by Pacheco, it is also attrib-
uted to that master and Zurbaran.

AT THE GUILLOTINE.

WOMAN LAWYER KISSES HER
CLIENT.

DRAMATIC SCENE.

Paris.—For the first time in
Paris a woman accompanied a con-
demned man to the guillotine re-
cently when, in the grey dawn, two
heads fell in less than 40 seconds
on the pavement outside the Sante
Prison.

They were those of Pachowsky
and Zinzuck, the two leaders of the
Polish murder gang sentenced to
death for no fewer than 12
murders, and they walked to the
guillotine escorted by Mlle. Sonia
Erlach, the 25-year-old barrister
sister of Mr. Erlach, deputy for
Paris. There was a dramatic
scene when Mlle. Erlach, who was
Zinzuck's counsel, embraced him
as he stepped from the prison van,
drawn by two horses, which had
rattled the two condemned men over
the 200 yards of stone setts from
the inner courtyard of the prison
to the point where the guillotine
had been set up.

When Zinzuck stepped from the
prison van to walk the half-dozen
paces to the guillotine he whis-
pered to the girl advocate as she
embraced him: "good-bye, Madame!"

Then, walking bravely to his
fate, he shouted in a loud voice:
"Good-bye, gentlemen!"

A second later he was on more.

The execution took place in the
presence of at least 200 people,
including the judicial authorities,
police, and mounted municipal
guards, and it seemed that there
were many more spectators pre-
sent than is required by the law,
which severely restricts the wit-
nesses to the Public Prosecutor,
the examining magistrate, and the
condemned man's counsel.

The executioner was a dapper
little man with a pointed grey
beard and wearing a hard felt hat.
An American present said that the
guillotine was quicker and certain-
ly more humane than the electric
chair.

"RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!"

Him: "I wish I dared to ask you
a very important question."
Her: "Why don't you?"
Him: "I see a negative in your
eyes."

Her: "In both of them?"

Him: "Yes."

Her: "Don't you know that two
negatives make an—? Why,
Charlie, how dare you!"

The old lady had deposited most
of her savings, which amounted to
a matter of five hundred pounds, in
a certain bank.

A few weeks later she approached
a cashier and demanded her money.
So the cashier counted out the
five hundred pounds and handed the
bundle of notes to her. By this
time several people had formed up
behind the lady, waiting impatient-
ly.

With great deliberation she
counted the money and handed it
back to the cashier.

"It's all right," she said; "I only
wanted to make sure you still had
it all."

A rich business man was recently
married, and was accompanied by
his wife as he entered the dining-
room of the hotel famed for its
excellent service. His order was
attended to promptly, but the fried
chicken he had been telling his
wife so much about was not in
evidence.

"Where is my chicken?" he
asked, somewhat irritably.

The waiter, leaning over and
bringing his mouth in close proxi-
mity to the man's ear, replied:
"If you mean the little girl with
the blue eyes, and fluffy hair, she
doesn't work here now."

The only son had just announced
to the family his engagement.

Ma: "What, that girl! Why she
squints."

Sister: "She has absolutely no
style."

Auntie: "Red-headed, isn't she?"

Grandma: "I'm afeard she's
flighty."

Uncle: "She hasn't any money."

First Cousin: "She doesn't look
strong."

Second Cousin: "She's stuck up."

Third Cousin: "She's an extra-
vagant thing."

The Son (thoughtfully): "Well
she's got one redeeming feature,
anyhow."

Chorus: "What's that?"

The Son: "She hasn't a relative
on earth!"

Pa: "Grab her, my boy, grab
her."

Pitson is fond of his joke, and
the other day he was highly excited,
for he had had a terrible Christmas
dream. Breathlessly he related how
in his dream his house had been
burnt down to the very ground the
night before Christmas, and he'd
had a very narrow escape.

"Oh, what happened then?" said
his office colleagues.

"It was at the top of the house
and I had the goose in one hand
and my insurance policy in the
other. The stairs had just fallen
in and—and I was cornered—no
escape possible. But suddenly a
bright idea struck me. I'd know
what I did!"

"N-No!" chorused his colleagues.
"I plucked the goose and—and
got down!" said Pitson.

With a view to attracting cus-
tomers to his window Snipp, the
tailor, had a loud-speaker placed
over his front door.

The other day a man called upon
Snipp and wanted a suit on the
weekly payment system. Every-
thing, apparently, being in order,
Snipp measured him, accepted a
small deposit, and accompanied his
customer to the door.

"Your suit will be ready next
week-end," said the tailor, "and
then—"

Just then the weather forecast
was being given on the wireless,
and from the loud-speaker came the
words: "Further outlook un-
settled."

TEASERS.

Answer The "China
Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half
a dozen questions, not tremendously
difficult to answer but not always
so simply solved as may be thought,
appear on this page. Answers are
given on page nine.

1. What are the Aldine editions?

2. When were Italics first intro-
duced?

3. When was the first English
Almanac issued?

4. Who was Antoine Watteau?

5. Who was the mother of
Cupid?

6. Where does the world-
renowned lavender come from?

THE SHOCKER.

LONDONERS AND CRIME PLAYS.

WHAT THEY LIKE.

There are complaints that London theatre-goers are too much addicted to crime-plays of the shocker type, the sort of play to which Sydney has been recently treated in "The Ringer," and other mystery melodramas.

Of plays, as of Governments, it may be truthfully said that the people get the kind of drama they deserve. If the London public did not like the mystery play they could signify their lack of interest in an unmistakable manner—by staying away.

In spite of the highbrow, the stage, like art and music, fulfils a two-fold purpose. It may be treated as a medium for serious intellectual and emotional expression, or it may be treated as a vehicle for sheer amusement and low-brow distraction. While, from the point of view of serious dramatic art, there is nothing to be said for the average musical comedy and detective shocker, they serve to take people for a few hours out of the humdrum of suburban and city life.

After all, these plays are melodrama dressed up in new clothes, and a more naturalistic method of acting. A little melodrama, now and then, is relished by the wisest men. Do we not find it in Shakespeare? In "Richard III." we have the villain and the innocent children, and the hero and the poor deceived heroine. "Titus Andronicus" is pure Grand Guignol. True there are passages of blank verse of great power and beauty in these plays, but do the audiences go to hear these? Does not the true student of English poetry prefer to read them quietly and alone? Many literary plays fail in the dramatic intensity which alone will hold an average audience. It is not surprising that melodrama, which fails on the literary side, should catch the theatre-going public on the rebound.

LLOYD'S.

A HOUSE THAT NEVER CLOSES.

[By Douglas King-Page.]

When the members of Lloyd's assemble in the new building which the King has opened, they will transact their business by methods so old that their origin is untraceable.

This much is certain, however, that when Pepys, the diarist, insured cargoes for the Admiralty he adopted methods very similar to those of brokers at Lloyd's today, treating with individual underwriters, each of whom accepted a proportion of the risk.

Pepys does not always emerge with credit from these transactions, for on one occasion, having sought to insure a cargo of hemp, he learned that the ship had arrived safely, and after reporting the fact went home and wrote: "Now what an opportunity had I to have concealed and got £100 without the least trouble and danger in the world."

When Pepys effected insurances Edward Lloyd was unknown. Probably he would have remained unknown but for his genius in recognising that the customers of his coffee-house wanted shipping intelligence, and proceeded to supply them with it. The underwriters moved from the coffee house to more commodious premises. Later they removed to the Royal Exchange, just as they are now moving to Leadenhall-street, because they had outgrown their accommodation. On each occasion it was as much the growth of the shipping intelligence as that of insurance business that caused the move, for when Edward Lloyd collected and published news of ships he founded a system which has grown into one of the most remarkable news gathering agencies ever known.

Lloyd's never closes. Underwriters and brokers leave their work and go home in the early evening, but day and night Lloyd's is open for the receipt of news gathered from every corner of the maritime world. This news comes from many sources, chief among them being Lloyd's agents, who are to be found in every port of any consequence and whose duties include the reporting of every incident of maritime importance which may come to their knowledge.

News is not news until it is imparted, and this is done by the posting of notices on a board in "The Room," through "Lloyd's List," the oldest newspaper in the world; through "Lloyd's Daily Index," which chronicles the movements of ships day by day; through "confidential" communications to underwriters, and through a number of other channels: each a cog in what is probably one of the most

AFTER PEARLS.

SEARCHING THE SEA FLOOR.

"THE SUN MAN."

The following vivid account of a pearl diver's first descent is taken from Mr. Jack McLaren's new novel, "The Sun Man."

"And now for it!" he said, and felt for the last of the rungs. Then, a hand at the helmet's outlet valve—so that by inflating or deflating the dress he could order the speed of his descent—he slipped off it, and went dropping down. Down it was a tremendously profound sensation to go dropping down like this. Down through a blue-green infinity, lit with oblongs of pale sunshine, crossed by wave shadows amorphous and strangely still. Down through a world of airless, unreal, and unpeopled. Down through a world without horizons, or beginnings or end. Down, and now weight decreasing with every foot, as though charmed away. Down, and still down, and his speed miraculously growing slower as he went.

He closed the valve a little, thereby lessening still further the speed of his descent, and reached the bottom with the slow-motion film. With a shake and a jerk of the line, he signalled to the deck his safe arrival.

The chain went almost straight. Cracks appeared in the rubble about the anchor. Small stones were rolling away. Wisps of mud appeared, like wisps of smoke. They hung around a bit before drifting off. There was a jerk, and the buried fluke appeared. The anchor dragged along the ground a little way, then went slowly up. Up, and out of sight. The Moth was under sail.

He had a sudden feeling of being lost. The anchor was the only familiar thing down here; and it was gone. The bottom of Thursday Island's harbour he had come to know very well; the broken bottles, the biscuit tins, were landmarks of a sort. But this was an utterly unknown land. A plain strangely veiled in blue and green. A place of immense distance, hinted rather than revealed.

Came a slight and steady pulling of the air-pipe and life-line. The "Moth," sailing, was half-towing him. Hinting which way he should go. He began half to stumble, half to bounce along. The rubble crushed under his feet, but he couldn't hear it. The helmet was filled with the sound of the air. Throb, throb, throb!

He came to a sandy stretch, dotted with vegetation. Queer vegetation. Growth shaped like human feet. Long-leaved vines that seemed to move, but did not. Bushes that grew sloping instead of upright. Tiny tree-like things, waist-high, in clumps. Coloured. All of it coloured—green, yellow, bronze—exceedingly delicate of shade. Under-water colours, which maybe could not live in air.

No sign of pearl-shells. He wasn't sure he would know them if there were. No doubt a shell looked different down here, just as everything looked different.

The character of the bottom changed again. The sand gave place to mud. Ankle-deep and more. He kicked up the wraiths of it with every step. They rose about his knees and hung there uncertainly. He would need to walk more carefully or he wouldn't be able to see the bottom at all. To see the bottom was the first need of a pearl-diver.

A little hill . . . He went towards it. And as he went he looked down and saw at his feet a flat, stone-like object, edge up in the ground. He stopped—sideways, in the diver's manner—and tried to pick it up. It stuck fast. He took his heavy diver's knife from its sheath at his waist-belt and dug it up.

A pearl shell! An ugly thing. Covered with slime and molluscs. Nasty to the touch. Rough, yet clammy. Grey, wormlike things wriggling slowly on it, in and about the molluscs. He wanted to throw it away. But his first pearl-shell!

"The Sun Man" is published by Ernest Benn, Ltd. Price, 7s. 6d.

efficient commercial organisations in the world.

This, however, is but a part of Lloyd's function in the realm of shipping. Does an owner wish to communicate with the master of one of his vessels, he can do so through the first Lloyd's signal station which that vessel may pass. Does a merchant wish claims on his insurances to be paid, in a foreign country, Lloyd's has a special department to see to this, and even now the catalogue of Lloyd's services to shipping and commerce is incomplete.

It is to be wondered that foreign organisations, seeking prestige, have adopted the name of Lloyd, that Lloyd's is a word to conjure with wherever ships sail or sea-farers abide, and that in "AT" at Lloyd's our vocabulary has gained a synonym for excellence?

YOUTHFUL TRAINING

BOARDING SCHOOL AND DAY SCHOOL.

VALUE OF HOME INFLUENCE.

Mr. Stephen Gwynn is sorry for the British parent, but he clearly thinks him rather an ass. He must be an ass, because only an ass would send his sons to a boarding-school. Boy got no advantage from these boarding-schools except expensive coaching in games. "Morally and intellectually they can be as well brought up at home." If a boarding-school master cares for culture he "has everything against him," and, as for character training, the school does no more for that than turn a boy over to the influence of the other boys and keep him out of mischief for as many hours a day as possible. Evidently the British boarding-school is a wholly deplorable institution.

If this is really so, then clearly the only hope is the home—formal teaching by day in a day-school, culture and character training in the evenings at home. But in the home dwells the parent, and the parent is a very poor creature (besides being an ass), if Mr. Gwynn's account of him is true. He has a contempt for learning ("not one English parent in ten cares how much his son acquires in the way of book learning"). He is inclined to be a snob. He does not know how to apportion his own income sensibly. Can a man like that be the ideal educator of the new generation? Surely not. What then is to be done, if schools and parents are both so unsatisfactory?

Clearly, it all depends on which of the two is the worse: whether the boarding-school or the home is the more unsatisfactory on the whole. Mr. Gwynn thinks hardly of the boarding-school, and with much of what he says it is impossible not to agree. Certainly the public schools cannot compete as dispensers of culture with a really cultured home, and "when a boy leaves school well bred and with a love of learning, his home has counted for more in that result than his school." This is often true—too true. Yet what proportion of English homes are really cultured homes? Every schoolmaster knows some which are, some which it is a liberal education to be allowed to visit in the holidays. But they are few, and after all the lucky boys who come from them can still spend a quarter of the year in their parents' company. It may even do them good to spend the rest with amiable Philistines and learn to rub shoulders with ordinary Englishmen. The other homes, the great majority of homes, are culturally below the level of the public schools, low though that may be. In every school (but not in every home) learning is valued—a little by all, a great deal by some. In every school (but not in every home) a clever boy finds others like himself and rubs up his brains against theirs in debates and essay societies and nocturnal conversations in the studies. In every school (but not in every home) a boy has the chance of being given an interest in things that he never hears of in the holidays and of being lent books which his father does not know exist. In every school (but not in every home) a boy has access to a library where he can discover and develop tastes which he did not suspect in himself till he took down a certain book on a wet Sunday afternoon. Judged even by the test of culture the boarding-school is better than the home for just those nine boys (out of ten) whose parents Mr. Gwynn says do not care how much their children learn.

Mr. Gwynn says that a boy at a boarding-school misses "that semi-apprenticeship to his father's business which comes of daily contact, overhanging talk and the rest." A doctor's family is a case in point. "A doctor's son who is going to be a doctor loses a deal of education by being sent away to school." He does, but he still has the holidays to hear about his father's cases and the latest medical discoveries, and it is not all doctors who have a wide culture outside their professional interests. Even so, doctors form only one class in the community. Is early apprenticeship to stockbroking desirable?—or to button manufacturing?—or to the exporting of steel rails?—or to insurance?—or to the Bar?—or (if he is honest) to studio life or race-horse owning? And what of the boy whose father is serving in India, or away with his ship in the Mediterranean, or running railways in the Argentine? Every Headmaster knows something of several hundred English homes, and if he is as lucky as I have been he likes and admires several hundred English parents. That privilege is a chief source of his happiness. But it is no disloyalty, to his many friends to say that, for width of knowledge and variety of mental stimulus few families can compete with the large and miscellaneous household of a public school.

But knowledge and mental stimulus are not everything. What of character? What of manners? Here it is certainly the home that matters most. Truth, unselfishness and some other essentials of character if not acquired in childhood can rarely be acquired in later days. Manners, too, if they are to be instinctive afterwards, are best learnt in the nursery. Nevertheless, it is not impossible for a community of men like a public school than in any family, however numerous. But the essential point is that the best work of a good home is done early. Most of it has been already done before a boy is old enough for school, and it can be continued and completed after that during three months in every twelve. During the other nine the boarding-school has a definite contribution to make for as childhood passes away his school gives a young man what his home can never give—a chance to move as an independent being among other men. Many a preparatory school boy, too, would never learn to trust himself or be himself, if he were not, as it were, cut off from his base for long spells at a time. But when manhood is approaching it is more important still that the developing boy should be a good deal away from home. Otherwise he will come to associate his home not with happiness but with boredom, not with holidays and liberty but with all that cramps his lengthening limbs. Everything young is prompted by instinct at one stage of its development to stretch itself and go off "on its own." There is more room to flap growing wings in a boarding-school than in any home. That is not all. If you wish to appreciate London you will be wise to live in the country for most of the year; if you wish to appreciate your home you will be wise to live in a boarding-school for nine months of the twelve. No one knows better than a schoolmaster what the love of sons and mothers can be. But between fourteen and twenty the son's love suffers a deep change—a change of kind not of degree—and such changes set up strains. In a short school holiday these strains may not appear, but in three hundred and sixty-five successive evenings they may cause acute distress. Even were no strains involved in adolescence, people who are fond of each other can none the less get tired of each other, and those three hundred and sixty-five successive evenings may bring boredom to both sides in the most affectionate families.

We must remember too that all homes are not good homes. There is much self-indulgence in these days. Wild oats are no longer confined to youth. Indeed, oats are being worn wild with grey hair now, and the influences a boy meets at home may not all make for refinement and simplicity. But at school, life must be simple and may be refined. Adolescence has indeed its troubles and things do not always go right in schools, but youth can touch pitch and not be defiled, and in general the refinement of a schoolboy over seventeen is among the most startling of his qualities. There are probably more puritans in an English public school than in any other community on earth. Thank goodness they do not know that they are puritans; if they did they would be intolerable. But unconscious puritans are not bad company for the children of some modern homes.

In every hundred boys there may be five who would do better to live at home than go to school. In every hundred homes there may be five in which rare qualities have formed an environment for youth better than any school can give. But it is my working creed—based on one-sided experience, I admit—that for nearly every ordinary English boy a boarding-school is a better place in term-time than his home. If it were not so, perhaps we should not have the boarding-school to send him to. For these schools of ours have grown out of our soil, and they are only because we ourselves are what we are. In this country assuredly we have the schools which we deserve. Perhaps that reflection does not flatter us. But I am happy to think that at least we do not deserve the universal day-school system which Mr. Stephen Gwynn recommends to us.—J. F. Roxburgh in the "Spectator."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Iz Zat So?"

To-day—World Theatre; "You'd Be Surprised."

May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race Meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auction. May 15—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

May 17—At 6, Knutsford-terrace, household furniture, 2.45 p.m. Meetings.

To-day—Annual meeting of the H.K. Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society, at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

May 15—Peak Church Annual meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., offices, noon.

May 18—Extraordinary general meeting of China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 25—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Opening of a new class for beginners in Chinese Language school, in Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 5.15-6.15 p.m.

May 24—Official opening by H.E. The Officer Administering the Govt., of Cheer 'O new premises in City Hall, 6 p.m.

CHINESE AVIATION.

FLYING FIRE BRIGADES ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES.

From reports appearing in the vernacular Press, the membership of the Nationalist Aviation Association has increased considerably, 500 persons having enrolled up to the present. In order to extend the propaganda programme, an aeroplane will fly over Shanghai, says a contemporary to hand, for the purpose of distributing handbills, which state:—

"There are to-day more than ten thousand aeroplanes in France and several thousand in England, America, Germany, Japan, and Russia. Why cannot we hurry in the promotion of our aviation enterprise? Aeroplanes can carry passengers, mails, newspapers, etc., and they are useful in the transportation of goods. They save time and there is no chance of robbery. Aeroplanes may also be used in putting out fires and this work may be performed very quickly.

"Shanghai Chinese citizens are welcome to join the Nationalist Aviation Association, which has been organised in accordance with the wishes of our late leader, President Sun Yat-sen, who said that aviation can save China. This Association proposes to improve China's aerial enterprises so that progress may be made in China's industries and civilisation, thereby making a strong nation out of a weak one. Patriots, you who approve of our ideals, should join."

"MISSING LINK."

SYD CHAPLIN'S LATEST AT QUEEN'S.

As a timid poet, hungry for words, then posing as a famous hunter, Chas. F. Reisner presents the popular comedian, hero of many a humorous role, Syd Chaplin, in "The Missing Link," his latest popular "hit," shown at the Queen's Theatre yesterday to well patronised "houses."

"Through amusing and unavoidable circumstances, Syd is compelled to pose as the hunter in quest of the 'missing link,' landing on the shores of Sunny Africa, to be cheered, hand shaken and greeted as a 'hero.'

Partly due to his great fear of animals, and largely to his ignorance, the "hunter" romps through one laughable situation to another, having a stupendous struggle with Akks, the chimpanzee and household pet, which he mistakes for the "missing link."

The cast includes prominent personages of "film land," of which the winsome Ruth Hatt plays opposite Syd Chaplin, Crawford Kent filling the part of the real hunter, with Tom McGuire in support as the hero's father, and last but not least, Akks, the world-renowned chimpanzee, delighting the audience with his "strange" and "amusing" antics.

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PARROT

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Last night a small fire broke out in a chimney at No. 174, Eastern-street. The flames were subdued by the inmates of the house before the arrival of the fire brigade.

Geneva, May 13.—Max Huber, of Zurich, ex-President of The Hague International Court, has been appointed President of the International Committee of the Red Cross.—Reuter.

Dr. C. T. Wang, president of the National Road Construction Association, has telegraphed to the Nationalist Government recommending that war prisoners should be used for the construction of roads to connect Shanghai, Hangchow and Nanking.

For picking the pocket of a compatriot and stealing a wallet containing \$25 and a season tram ticket, a Chinese who was on Saturday charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The theft occurred in Queen's-road East on Friday afternoon.

Boston, May 13.—Mr. Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, in an announcement inveighs against the increasing Communist influence in the United States Labour Unions. He declared that when it reaches such a point that the Communists gain control of an affiliated union, that union will be wiped out and another formed to fight it.—Reuter.

Kovno, May 13.—The Polish delegation, visiting here with a view to establishing an understanding between Poland and Lithuania, was subjected to a hostile demonstration on returning from a joint committee meeting. The police intervened and disposed of the demonstrators, who were principally students, before any grave incident had occurred.—Reuter.



Sen. Cole Blease, of South Carolina, who may lose his seat in the run for the Democratic presidential nomination, it has been learned. His statement came in a clash with Senator Willis, of Ohio, Republican presidential candidate over a bill to regulate shipments of prison-made goods in interstate commerce, in which Senator Blease declared "I may be a candidate for president myself one of these days, and I want my position clear."

On Saturday Major C. Willson passed sentence of three months' hard labour on a Chinese pick pocket who was arrested in the Post-office on Friday whilst in the act of stealing \$772 from the pocket of M. Abdullah, an Indian schoolmaster. The complainant felt a tug at his pocket whilst he was at the registration counter, and immediately seized the accused's hand which was in his right coat pocket. A purse containing the money was actually in the accused's hand.

Paris.—Knee bracelets in finely woven gold or platinum, set with diamonds and other precious stones, are the latest Paris society novelty. They were seen for the first time at a dance at the Lido, the Venice of Paris. The short skirts of the day allow the bracelets to be seen at frequent intervals during the dance, the gems with which they are set flashing and disappearing alternately as the wearers move. Some of the bracelets seen were stated to have cost tens of thousands of pounds.

New York.—The United States recovered another aeroplane record when Mr. George Haldeman, accomplished an endurance flight of 53hr. 23min. 31sec. The previous record, an hour less, was held by German aviator, who won the record from Clarence Chamberlin, the American Trans-Atlantic pilot. Mr. Haldeman, who was the pilot in the Trans-Atlantic flight with Miss Ruth Elder, when they came down the Atlantic, flight with her husband, then accompanied by Mr. Eddie Stinson, made a widow. The courts granted the custody of the three children to Miss Deprez.

Athena, May 13.—The Cabinet has decided to stabilise the drachma at 375 to the pound sterling by Legislative Decree.—Reuter.

Moscow, May 13.—3,000 inhabitants of the town of Sassoro near Riazan have been rendered homeless through a fire in which 600 houses were destroyed and several lives lost.—Reuter.



Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, now in Rome, Italy, who asserted after an interview with Pope Pius that the Vatican is not interested in the campaign of Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, for the presidency of the United States. The Cardinal stated that in both his audiences with the Pope, no mention was made of the subject. He declared that the American political campaign is too far away from Rome and the issues too involved and that the Vatican knows that if a Catholic were elected President it would not change things one particle.

Major C. Willson on Saturday passed sentence of 48 hours' detention and twelve strokes of the birch on a Chinese youth who admitted a charge of picking the pocket of a Chinese messenger boy and stealing \$4 in money.

Stated by the police to be making a living out of collecting discarded vegetables from the Central Market and hawking them in Graham-street, an aged Chinese woman was on Saturday charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with causing an obstruction in that thoroughfare by displaying her vegetables on the pavement. A fine of \$4 or seven days' jail was imposed.

Geneva.—By order of the official receiver, Van Dyck's portrait of Queen Maria Henrietta, wife of King Charles I. of England, is to be sold by auction at Geneva. The picture, which was formerly in the Hermitage Museum at Petrograd, has since changed hands many times. Shortly before the Russian revolution it was taken to France. Van Dyck's portrait of Queen Henrietta Maria came into the hands of a Polish nobleman, Count Karnicki, who deposited it in a Geneva bank. After his death his creditors claimed the picture and it was sequestered.

Not content with writing plays, stories, and articles, and his racing, Mr. Edgar Wallace has now become a theatrical manager. He has taken over the sub-lease of the Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury-avenue, where his play "The Man Who Changed His Name" is running, and he will be in control there until the autumn. "I think 'The Man Who Changed His Name' will last out my tenancy, but if it does not I have one complete play and another play on the stocks with which to follow it," Mr. Wallace told a reporter. The first thing he did when he took over the theatre was to have his own picture removed from the programme. The next thing was to install his wife in an office at the theatre, where she represents him when he is busy elsewhere.

Paris.—After more than six weeks' consideration, the Paris Correctional Court has handed to the care of their adoptive mother the three children of another woman by whom their father had been murdered. The real mother, Mlle. Leonie Gerard, shot and killed M. Victor Deprez, in whose employ she had been as typist and secretary for 26 years. During all this time Mme. Deprez had tolerated her husband's mistress and brought up her three children. But the mistress could not endure her lover taking up with another woman much younger than herself, and in a fit of jealousy she shot him. A Parisian jury acquitted her, and she demanded her children from the court. The woman she had first robbed of in the sea near the Azores, was her husband's affection and then, accompanied by Mr. Eddie Stinson, made a widow. The courts granted the custody of the three children to Miss Deprez.

A first and final dividend of 58 cents per share has been declared in respect of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation).

A meeting of the Shanghai Royal Asiatic Society was held in the lecture hall, last Thursday when a cinematograph display was given by Mr. K. Kato, entitled "Science and Industrial Japan." The chair was taken by Sir Sidney Barton.

The recent armed robbery at No. 155, Hollywood-road had its sequel at the Central Magistracy on Saturday when two Chinese were charged before Major C. Willson with having been concerned in the affair with others not in custody. A week's remand was given.

Through passenger trains are now available between Pukow and Heuchowfu and there is an irregular service as far north as Tainan. The administration expects that there will soon be passenger trains running to Tainan, says a Shanghai contemporary to hand.

A Chinese employed at Sincere's was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, with the theft of five dozen singlets. Accused pleaded "guilty." It was stated for the prosecution that the accused worked in conjunction with a bogus customer to whom he handed out the singlets in small lots from time to time.

A strong body of police carried out a raid on Saturday in a house in Shanghai-street, Yaumati. A search of the premises resulted in the seizure of two revolvers and some ammunition. Sixteen male suspects, found on the premises were detained for investigation. It was stated that the men were suspected of having been concerned in the armed robbery at the Chinese Insurance Company in Des Voeux-road Central.



Henry G. Chilton, counselor of the British Embassy to the United States, who has been appointed by his government to be Minister Plenipotentiary to the Holy See in Rome, Italy. Mr. Chilton has been with the Embassy in Washington since 1924, and entered the diplomatic service in 1902.

A Chinese woman appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday together with two children charged with the theft of a roll of silk from the Popular Silk Store, Pedder-street. She argued that if she had intended to steal, she certainly would not have taken the children along with her. After evidence was taken, the Magistrate convicted the woman and imposed a fine of \$10, or 14 days' hard labour.

More than 280 M.P.s belonging to all parties in the House of Commons signed a petition presented to the Prime Minister asking that facilities should be afforded for the passage of the Greyhound Racing Bill introduced by Colonel John Buchan, M.P. The object of the Bill, which has received a first reading, is to give local authorities power to determine whether the establishment of greyhound racing tracks in the areas under their jurisdiction should be permitted.

Arrested on board the s.s. "Kongnying" on May 11 with a .25 Colt automatic pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition, a Chinese was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday. The defendant, who stated that he had just returned from Sydney, Australia, on board the s.s. "Tanda" told the Magistrate that he was taking the arm for self-protection to Fakto, his native place in the country. A fine of \$100 was imposed, and the arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

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Sport Columns

MACAO RACES.

HONG KONG WELL REPRESENTED.

FULL RESULTS.

Hong Kong was well represented at the 8th extra race meeting at Macao yesterday.

Results.

I.—Mr. Ho Kom Tong's Kom Tong Hall (Mr. Ho Sal Man) 1
Dr. L. Reidy's Isostacy (late Magnificent Dahlia) (Mr. Miller) 2

Dr. S. To Wong's Ullwater (Dr. Wong) 3
Also ran: Six Hundred (Mr. R. Rochu); Diana (Mr. Botelho); Glenmerin (Mr. H. C. Lee); Easter Day (Mr. Erskine); Waichow (Mr. Backhouse).

Time: 1.34.3.
Won by four lengths; short head between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$7.90.
Places: 1st, \$7.60; 2nd, \$8.40; 3rd, \$10.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 5.....\$77.40
2nd, " 79.....22.00
3rd, " 17.....11.00

II.—Mr. Three's One Third (late On The Mall) (Mr. T. L. Wong) 1
Mr. Luen Yick's Fifty Fifty (late Islam) (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 2

Mr. Hau Un's Little Sit Tang (Mr. G. Roza) 3
Also ran: Glory (Mr. Usher); Branco (Mr. Chun).

Time: 1.51.1.
Won by five lengths; three lengths between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$5.10.
Places: 1st, \$5.10; 2nd, \$5.10; 3rd, \$6.70.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 7.....\$120.90
2nd, " 19.....34.60
3rd, " 48.....17.30

III.—H.E.'s Volo (Mr. T. Wing) 1
Mr. F. Usher's Castle (Mr. Usher) 2

Messrs. Wing Fat & Co's My Lady (Mr. Chun) 3
Also ran: Spring Day (Mr. Charles); Isostacy (Mr. Reidy); Zircon (Mr. Y. M. Loo); Rupert (Mr. Erskine); Little River (Mr. Miller); Duke of Nieblung (Mr. H. C. Lee); My Toy (Mr. Proulx).

Time: 2.05.3-5.
Won by a head; a head between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$25.20.
Places: 1st, \$8.60; 2nd, \$9.50; 3rd, \$6.70.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 65.....\$176.40
2nd, " 93.....50.40
3rd, " 34.....25.20

IV.—Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning (Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Yam Man's May (Mr. G. Roza) 2

Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War (Mr. Usher) 3
Also ran: Ching Hoi (Mr. Chun); Sutherland (Mr. Sewell); Tap Sinc (Mr. Backhouse); Westlake (Mr. Y. M. Loo).

Time: 1.36.3-5.
Won by five lengths; three lengths between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$9.20.
Places: 1st, \$5.10; 2nd, \$5.10; 3rd, \$5.10.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 71.....\$221.70
2nd, " 2.....63.40
3rd, " 10.....31.70

V.—Mr. Three's One Third (late On The Mall) (Mr. T. Wong) 1
Mr. Luen Yick's Ma Kau Sinc (Mr. G. Roza) 2

Mr. Luen Yick's Aristophanes (Mr. Chun) 3
Also ran: Gold Mine (Mr. Clark); Branco (Mr. Reidy).

Time: 2.06.2-5.
Won by three lengths; many lengths between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$5.80.
Places: 1st, \$5.10; 2nd, \$5.10; 3rd, \$5.10.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 62.....\$235.20
2nd, " 98.....67.20
3rd, " 40.....33.60

Mr. Toppide's Caviare (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. Union's Fook Shau (Mr. T. Wong) 2

Mr. Hsieh's The Haugh (Mr. G. Roza) 3
Also ran: Fir Dee (Mr. Backhouse); Silver Mine (Mr. Y. M. Loo); Hailo (Mr. Chun); Little Darling (Mr. Sewell); Siang River (Mr. Erskine); Copper Mine (Mr. Charles); Waichow (Mr. McCarty); Scooter (Mr. Miller); Lucky Star (Mr. Clark); Pitchfork (Mr. Botelho).

Time: 1.36.1-5.
Won by many lengths; three lengths between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$13.
Places: 1st, \$6.60; 2nd, \$6.80; 3rd, \$7.30.

Cash Sweeps:—

1st, ticket No. 48.....\$272.10
2nd, " 7.....77.80
3rd, " 61.....38.90

VII.—Mr. Luen Yick's Fifty Fifty (late Islam) (Mr. Chun) 1
Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning (Mr. Clark) 2

Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship (Mr. G. Roza) 3
Also ran: Will Fellow (Mr. Charles); Glenmerin (Mr. H. C. Loo).

Time: 2.47.2-5.
Won by a length and a half; six lengths between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$5.80.
Places: 1st, \$5.60; 2nd, \$8.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 69.....\$218.40
2nd, " 125.....62.40
3rd, " 92.....31.20

VIII.—Messrs. Cheng and Neg's Glory (Mr. Charles) 1
Messrs. Wing Fat & Co's Zircon (Mr. Chun) 2

Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Nieblung (Mr. T. Wong) 3

Also ran: Spring Day (Mr. Backhouse); Hailo (Mr. G. Roza); Six Hundred (Mr. Clark); Diana (Mr. Botelho); Little River (Mr. Erskine); My Toy (Mr. Proulx).

Time: 1.01.2-5.
Won by a short head; one length between second and third.

Parimutuel:—
Winner: \$6.
Places: 1st, \$5.10; 2nd, \$5.30; 3rd, \$5.70.

Cash Sweeps:—
1st, ticket No. 24.....\$210
2nd, " 58.....60
3rd, " 104.....30

RECORD BROKEN.

WARRENFIELD RETURNS TO FORM.

SHANGHAI RACE RESULTS.

Warrenfield, the hero of many a race in Shanghai, has returned to form and has broken the record for one and a quarter miles.

After passing into the ownership of "Mr. Eve" (Sir Victor Sassoon) at a fancy price from the stable of Mr. Henry Morris, this cross-bred China pony has performed moderately on Saturday, he won the Cross-Bred Champions at the annual spring meeting of the Shanghai Race Club.

The time was 2 minutes, 30.4/5 seconds. The previous best was by Rosebery at the 1927 spring meeting, 2 minutes, 31.2/5 seconds, when Warrenfield was placed second.

Warrenfield's previous best was 2 minutes, 31.3/5 seconds, at the 1925 spring meeting, when he ran in the colours of Mr. Morris who, incidentally, won the Derby at Home with Manna that year.

Times Compared.

In the Cross-Bred Champions at the autumn meeting last year, Warrenfield was second to King of Hearts. Chesapeake Bay was third and Elliot Bay fourth; these three ponies all turned out in the Hong Kong annual meeting this year.

The best time returned by an accepted China pony is 2 minutes, 32.2/5 seconds, by Rosewood in 1919.

Elliot Bay won the Hong Champions this year in 2 minutes, 32.4/5 seconds, the local record.

Warrenfield was ridden by Mr. Pote-Hunt, who has gained considerable popularity in two meetings in Hong Kong.

Second and third were supplied by Mr. Toeg, the owner of Rosebery.

The Grand National.

There was another Champions (both being classic events), when the fourth day's races of the meeting were decided. This other race was for subscription griffins. Both events are designated below by asterisks.

Another race which attracts wide interest is the Shanghai Grand National. Double Zero won, getting in the first three for the first time. White Hawk (2nd in the 1927 autumn meeting) was second, and Red Joss House (2nd in the 1927 spring meeting) was third.

Mr. A. N. Dallas, who has ridden occasionally in Hong Kong, had three winning mounts. Two dead-heats added to the day's thrills.

Results are given below. The "China Mail" is indebted to the Hong Kong Club and to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, treasurers to the Hong Kong Jockey Club, for same.

Spring Griffins Handicap—1 mile. Messrs. P. M. Lancaster and W. A. White's Sarnia II (Mr. G. A. Pollock) 1

Mr. Eve's Easter Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Mr. We Two's Shorty McGee (Mr. Maitland) 3

Time: 2 mins. 03.1/5 secs.

Spring Handicap—1 1/4 miles. Mr. A. N. Dallas's Zululand (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Mr. Liddell's Kingcroft (Mr. Bowling) 2
Mr. Ciro's Prettylight (Mr. Eric Moller) 3

Time: 2 mins. 39.2/5 secs.
Cheng-I-ma Plate—1 1/2 miles. Mr. Day's New Zealand (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1

Mr. Eve's Chilly Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Mr. Toeg's Tyne II (Mr. Bowling) 3

Time: 3 mins. 11.4/5 secs.
Grand National Steeplechase—over Morris's water jump, twice round and in.

Mrs. Jack Liddell's Double Zero (Mr. Hughes) 1

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Hawk (Mr. Maitland) 2

Mr. Talstern's Red Joss House (Mr. Bott) 3

*Shanghai Sub-Griffins Champions—1 1/4 miles. Mr. R. Schlee's John Willy (Mr. Wells-Henderson) 1

Messrs. Boyes and White's Silver Wing (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Messrs. Bailey and White's Shellfire (Mr. Bowling) 3

Time: 2 mins. 48.4/5 secs.
*Shanghai Cross-Bred Champions—1 1/4 miles. Mr. Eve's Warrenfield (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1

Mr. Toeg's Spearpoint (Mr. Bowling) 2

Mr. Toeg's Fair Sport (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 2 mins. 30.4/5 secs.
Sub-Griffins Nil Desperandum Cup—1/2 mile. Mr. Robson's The Trial Bird (Mr. Lewis) 1

Mr. Chasdiek's Big Ching (Mr. Hill) 2

Mr. Purcell's Cowichan (Mr. Maitland) 3

Time: 59.4/5 secs.
Manchu Stakes—1 mile. Messrs. Gray and Leander's Busy Bee (Mr. Bowling) 1

Mr. Eve's Engagement Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Mr. Allan's New York (Mr. Encarnacao) 3

Mr. We Two's Entry Badge (Mr. Maitland) 3

* dead heat.
Time: 2 mins. 04.1/5 secs.
Nil Desperandum Cup—1/2 mile. Mr. Day's Poppyland (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1

Messrs. McBain and Sokoloff's Vetrock (Mr. Sokoloff) 2

Mr. Toeg's Nith (Mr. S. A. Judah) 3

Time: 57.1/5 secs.
Amy Handicap—1 mile. Mr. Billy Reynolds's Amendment (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Bicolore's Nuits St. Georges (Mr. Greig) 2

Mr. Oldham's David Garrick (Mr. Lewis) 2

* dead heat.
Time: 2 mins. 06.1/5 secs.
Mafoos' Race—1 1/4 miles. Mr. Day's Geyserland (Mr. Erskine) 1

Mr. Ciro's The Danant (Mr. Erskine) 2

Mr. A. N. Dallas's Royal Lancer (Mr. Erskine) 3

Time: 2 mins. 37.3/5 secs.

JUBILEE STAKES.

EASY WIN FOR ABBOTS SPEED.

OUTSIDERS PLACED.

London, Sunday.

The Jubilee Stakes resulted as follows:—
Abbotts Speed (6/1).....1
Autocrat (33/1).....2
Uncle Woody (33/1).....3

14 ran.
Won by three lengths; a length and a half between second and third.—Reuter.

Abbotts Speed won last year. There was no race in 1926 owing to the strike.

FRIENDLY SOCCER.

CHINESE PLAY QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

At Caroline Hill yesterday, a large crowd of Chinese football fans witnessed an interesting friendly soccer game between the South China team and the Queen's Regiment. The Chinese won a hard fought game by two clear goals.

In spite of the fact that the soldiers were without some of their regular senior players, they gave the Chinese a run for their money, and although they lost were not disgraced.

Rowbottom was a pillar of strength in the soldiers' goal, and thanks to his fine play the Chinese score was kept down to only two goals, both of which it was impossible to save.

FORM REVERSED.

AUBREY BOOMER BEATS HAGEN.

THREE AND TWO.

Paris, Yesterday.

Aubrey Boomer beat Hagen in a 36 hole exhibition match at St. Cloud three up and two to play.—Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS.

SATURDAY'S GAMES REVIEWED.

[By "Bias"]

Craigengower's win against Kowloon Dock was the feature of Saturday's matches, and means that if they beat Taikoo on Saturday they will be strong favourites.

They will then have got over three of the stiffest hurdles in the first three Saturdays of the league and that is a tremendous advantage.

Bradbury has a fine rink that know each other's game and I shall be surprised if they are beaten during the season.

The Police are always a power to be reckoned with and I was not surprised when I heard that they had beaten Taikoo. What did surprise me was that rink I considered weakest won with the biggest margin. The other first division match at the valley went to the better side but the opposite way to which I thought it would go.

Hollidge's rink and Pender's rinks disappointed; but Grimmit's rink looked good enough to carry the other two. However it was given too much to do.

Second Division.

In the Second Division the pronounced victory of the Bowling Green against Craigengower means that the weakness shown last Saturday is true and their side must be strengthened. They dare not stiffen up their second string at the expense of their first; but new blood or constant practice or both must be looked for at once.

The "A" are strong, but I am afraid K.C.C. are very weak this year. I would like to have seen the Yacht Club take away the points for they put up a splendid fight. The third rink skipped by Davies disappointed at times and I thought Edwards' rink good enough to carry them if necessary, though the score indicates a splendid fight here.

THE DAVIS CUP.

N. ZEALAND ELIMINATES PORTUGAL.

Liabon, Yesterday.

In the Davis Cup competition New Zealand eliminated Portugal by four matches to one.—Reuter.

A JUDGE'S REFUSAL.

TO FREE A HUSBAND FROM OBLIGATIONS.

Mr. Justice Hill, who criticised recently a wife who refused to release her husband to marry "the other woman," declined subsequently to grant the plea of a man who said he wished to be free to marry.

The man had obtained a decree nisi, but the King's Proctor intervened to show that he had committed misconduct before he had evidence that his wife had done so. In

RIFLE SHOOTING.

DOCKYARD DEFEAT H.M.S. "BERWICK."

AT STONECUTTERS.

The Dockyard Rifle Club defeated H.M.S. "Berwick" by eight points in a friendly rifle match at Stonecutters on Saturday. Scores:—

Dockyard R.C. Yards. Total
Mr. Young.....28 18 25 71
Mr. Cook.....23 28 28 74
Mr. Guest.....23 30 28 81
Mr. Johnstone.....20 30 20 70
Mr. McCarthy.....20 27 10 57
Mr. Mitchell.....31 27 13 71
Mr. Lahey.....17 25 0 42
Mr. Bullen.....21 28 18 67

Plus 4% for open sights 4
Total.....183 213 137 533
H.M.S. "Berwick" Yards. Total
P.O. Blatchford.....20 25 25 70
P.O. Chapman.....23 31 13 67
S.P.O. Wheeler.....22 26 23 70
L.S. Callicott.....19 28 24 71
L.S. Jane.....20 31 22 73
L.S. Langley.....18 15 8 41
A.B. Proctor.....26 28 0 54
A.B. Litton.....25 26 12 63

Plus 4% for open sights 20
Total.....173 209 127 509
[Note: Messrs. Lahey and Bullen and all of the "Berwick" team used open sights.]

THE DAVIS CUP.

N. ZEALAND ELIMINATES PORTUGAL.

Liabon, Yesterday.

In the Davis Cup competition New Zealand eliminated Portugal by four matches to one.—Reuter.

A JUDGE'S REFUSAL.

TO FREE A HUSBAND FROM OBLIGATIONS.

Mr. Justice Hill, who criticised recently a wife who refused to release her husband to marry "the other woman," declined subsequently to grant the plea of a man who said he wished to be free to marry.

The man had obtained a decree nisi, but the King's Proctor intervened to show that he had committed misconduct before he had evidence that his wife had done so. In

TEASERS.

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. The books printed in Venice by Aldus Manutius and his family between 1490 and 1597, and remarkable for the beauty and accuracy of their typography.

2. In the Aldine editions. (See 1).

3. 1431.

4. A French landscape painter (1684-1721).

5. Venus.

6. Mitcham, Surrey, England.

view of this fact, Mr. Justice Hill said the decree must be rescinded and the man ordered to pay costs.

The man was John Anderson Charlton, of Houghton-le-Skerne, Darlington. His petition was filed in the Durham registry in December, 1926. On May 5 Mr. Justice Fraser granted a decree nisi. This was rescinded in July by the President, Lord Merrivale, because Mr. Charlton had proceeded irregularly as a poor person.

The petition was allowed to stand, and on July 23 the President pronounced a second decree nisi.

Rejected Lover.

The case for the King's Proctor was that from May, 1919, Mr. Charlton had committed misconduct with a girl named Mabel Clarke, at various local addresses and in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Justice Hill said the evidence given by Miss Clarke, if true, established the charge against Mr. Charlton. He admitted they were on terms of affection, and were the same as an engaged couple. There was no direct evidence except that of Miss Clarke.

If the decree nisi was made absolute Mr. Charlton wanted to marry another woman, not Miss Clarke. He said he did not think it right to marry Miss Clarke. She had been in an asylum, and he feared there might be a recurrence of her illness. Mr. Justice Hill said Miss Clarke had found herself rejected for another woman, and he had considered the case with some anxiety. He could not, however, reject the evidence of Miss Clarke. Therefore the King's Proctor's intervention succeeded.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock Exchange.

T.T. on London.....2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai.....7 1/2

Banks.
Hongkong Bank.....\$1270
do. Lon. Reg.....\$1232 1/2
Chartered Bank.....\$221
Mercantile A. & B.....\$134
do. C.....\$14 1/2
P. & O. Bank.....\$94
do. East Asia.....\$75
Insurance.
Canton Insurance.....\$660
Union Insurance.....\$346
North China Insurance.....\$140
Yangtze Insurance.....\$347
China Underwriters.....\$24
China Fire Insurance.....\$220
H.K. Fire Insurance.....\$7.50

Shipping.
Donghai Steamship.....\$40
H.K. Steamship.....\$24
H.K. Tugs & Lighters.....\$24
Indo-China (Pref.).....\$37
do. (Def.).....\$78
Shell Transports.....\$9.6
Water-Boats.....\$20 1/2

Mining.
Renguet.....\$1 1/2
Kailan Mining Ad.....60/-
Langkate (Combined).....\$18 1/2
do. (Single).....\$18 1/2
Shanghai Explorations.....\$2.85
Shanghai Loans.....\$73 1/2
Rauha.....\$4
Tronoh Mines.....\$17.8

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.
H.K. & S. Wharves.....\$120 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks.....\$42 1/2
China Wharves.....\$5 1/2
Hongkows.....\$1159
New Engineering.....\$5
Shanghai Docks.....\$1109
Cotton Mills.
Ewo Cottons.....\$78 1/2
Oriental Cottons.....\$73
S'hai Cottons (old).....\$75
do. (new).....\$72 1/2

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.
H.K. & S. Hotels.....\$8.20 b 8 1/2
Hongkong Lands.....\$64 1/2
Shanghai Lands.....\$140
Humphreys, Estaker.....\$14 1/2
Hongkong Realities.....\$34 b 3 1/2
H.K. Territorials.....\$1
Prince's Buildings.....\$1
Public Utilities.
H.K. Tramways.....\$24 1/2
Peak Trams (old).....\$13 1/2
do. (new).....\$8 1/2
Star Ferries.....\$84 1/2
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OUR REFEREES.

COMPLAIN AGAINST SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

A BOMBHELL.

[By "Rover."]

A bombshell was thrown into our football atmosphere by the publication in the local Press, last week-end, of some remarkable correspondence between two well-known local referees and the Hong Kong Football Association. In the first instance, Mr. Barber, R.N., a well-known local referee, stated a very strong case against the governing body of the H.K.F.A., and following this, Captain Austin, M.C., perhaps better known locally than the former gentleman, and one of the leading football authorities of the Colony, published correspondence which, to say the least, put the ruling body of the H.K.F.A. in a weak position.

In brief, the incidents recounted by the two referees were both of a very serious nature. They were witnessed by many thousands of spectators and in view of the intense local interest taken in competitive and other matches in the Colony, where racial feeling runs high, it can only be assumed that the H.K.F.A. treated the matters mentioned in a very light manner; and their findings were not in the best interests of good sport in the Colony.

Rule 17.

Reading the correspondence carefully one is bound to enquire if the cases were treated on their merits.

Rule 17 of the "Rules of the Hong Kong Football Association Handbook" states that the Emergency Committee consists of three members together with the secretary who shall have power "to suspend, fine or otherwise" as they think fit. Any appeal against any decision given for or against, by this committee, must be made within seven days of the decision appealed against. The appeal has to be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$10.

This rule is probably intended, in the main, for protests by clubs and players, and an appeal by a referee to the council (if the committee consisting of four active members out of a Council of twelve active and non-active members had already decided against him), would probably have little chance of success.

Mr. Barber and Captain Austin both feel that their cases have not been considered fairly to them as ruling officials, and the positions of referees generally in the Colony, which has always been unsatisfactory, has been greatly weakened by the action of the Hong Kong Football Association in the cases detailed, on which no further comment is needed here.

Acrimonious discussion in the Press will not help matters, but the whole business has been much discussed in football circles in the Colony and, as stated by one of the referees concerned, the Clubs have their opportunity to redress any grievances, or offer any remedial measures, at the annual general meeting which, according to the "Handbook," is held not later than June 30.

Knotty Point.

The question of ordering a player off the field is a very knotty one for the referee to decide. In the majority of cases the referee is very loath to do so, and despite the shouts from the touch line to "send him off" many referees allow for the excitement of the occasion, and strain a point in the player's favour.

Repeated offences, however, by any particular player is a danger to the players and to the game, especially in Hong Kong where "gallery play" is very often more cheered than good football; and without any brief for either of the players concerned, or particular partisanship in the special cases under review, I don't think either of the referees had the support they were entitled to, and their protests are justified, as without vindictiveness, they expected a punishment inflicted, commensurate with the offence.

MAJOR LEAGUES.

BASEBALL RESULTS FROM AMERICA.

"NATIONAL" & AMERICA.

New York, Saturday.
The week's results in the major baseball leagues are as follow:—
National League.

May 5:
St. Louis 2, Brooklyn 3.
Cincinnati 11, New York 3.
Chicago 5, Philadelphia 1.
Pittsburg 6, Boston 2.

May 6:
Cincinnati 4, New York 3.
St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 5.
St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 5.
(double-header).
Chicago 5, Philadelphia 4.

May 7:
St. Louis 6, Brooklyn 5.
Cincinnati 1, New York 5.
Chicago 7, Philadelphia 4.
Pittsburg 9, Boston 4.

May 8:
Pittsburg 6, New York 5.
Chicago 4, Brooklyn 3.
Cincinnati 7, Boston 2.
St. Louis 15, Philadelphia 4.

May 9:
Pittsburg 0, New York 6.
Chicago 2, Brooklyn 1.
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 1.
Cincinnati 4, Boston 1.

May 10:
Pittsburg 4, New York 5.
Cincinnati 6, Boston 7.
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 4.

May 11:
Chicago 3, Brooklyn 0.
Cincinnati 3, Boston 0.
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2.

American League.

May 5:
New York 7, Chicago 0.
Philadelphia 6, Detroit 5.
Washington 6, St. Louis 5.
Boston 4, Cleveland 5.

May 6:
New York 4, Chicago 2.
Washington 6, St. Louis 7.
Detroit 3, Boston 0.

May 7:
New York 8, Chicago 5.
Boston 2, Cleveland 4.
Philadelphia 10, Detroit 0.
Washington 2, St. Louis 15.

May 8:
New York 0, Cleveland 3.
Boston 5, Chicago 1.
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3.
Washington 2, Detroit 12.

May 9:
No results.

May 10:
New York 4, Cleveland 2.
Boston 2, Chicago 9.
Washington 5, Detroit 6.
Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 1.

May 11:
New York 7, Cleveland 6.
Boston 4, Chicago 3.
Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 5.
Washington 9, Detroit 5.
—Reuter's American Service.

INDIGNANT LADIES.

WOMEN ANNOYED WITH MR. GEORGE MOORE.

CRITICISM ANSWERED.

Women novelists, artists, and musicians—indeed, women who are competing with men in almost every profession—are indignant with Mr. George Moore, the 76-years-old novelist, poet, and essayist.

Mr. Moore, who is in a London nursing home, said:

It is ridiculous for women to think that they can compete with men as it is to suppose that with a wave of a stick it is possible to turn a white rose bush into a red one.

Mrs. Belloc Lowndes, the novelist, said to a reporter:

I entirely disagree with every word of Mr. Moore's criticism. Given equal opportunities women would achieve equal success with men. They have not had equal opportunities in the past, and they are still handicapped by life. Nevertheless they manage to compete very successfully with men.

Miss Flora Lion, the artist, said: Art is not a question of sex: women in art were proving that. Women have painted some of the finest pictures of the century. Look at Mrs. Laura Knight, A.R.A., for instance, and Mrs. A. L. Swynnerton, A.R.A.

Sargent himself once told me that he thought Mrs. Swynnerton's work was "superb," and he bought a good many of her pictures.

There are fewer women than men painting, but those who are devoting themselves to art are doing splendid work.

H.M.S. "Sesoy" which left Shanghai for Foochow is now at the latter port.



BACK PAINS

Most Often Are Due To A Defective Condition Of The Blood.

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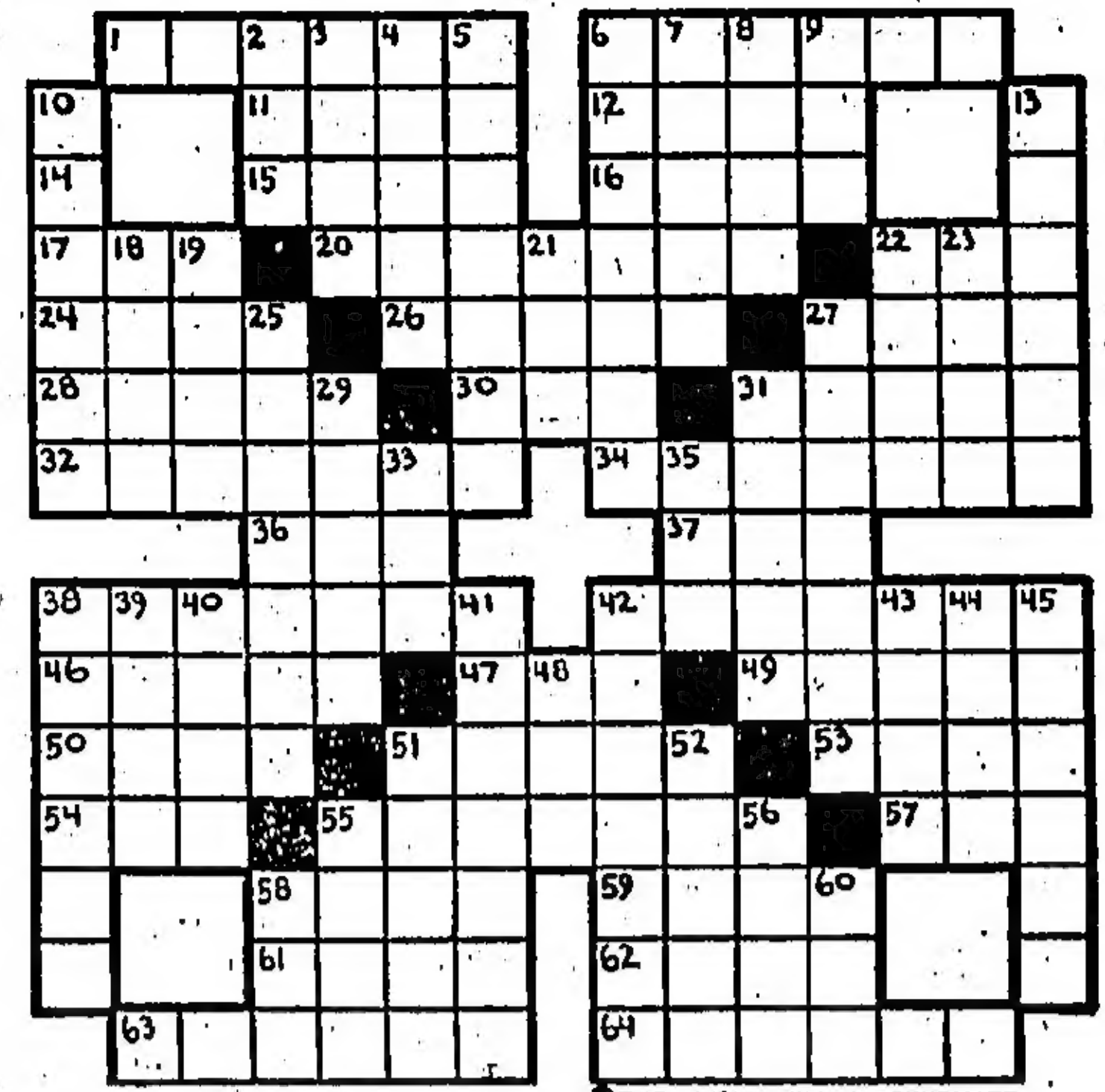
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are invited to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL

1—Scuffle
6—Passageways
11—Tip
12—Commercial vehicle
15—Drive down
16—Cavity
17—Pointed instrument
20—Torture
22—Edge of a garment
24—The ocean
26—Approach
27—Something which heals and soothes
28—Langour
30—Sanctified woman (abbr.)
31—Poetry
32—Establishes
34—One given to idle fancies
36—Bond
37—Participial ending
38—Salted rice of surgeon
42—Less
46—Change
47—91 (Roman)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49—Depart
50—British General, Baron of Vimy
51—Disturbed
53—Hurried
54—Alternate (abbr.)
55—A kind of bat
57—Prefix meaning "before"

VERTICAL

2—Perched
3—Spawn of an oyster
4—Fruit
5—Fast train
6—Stuck
7—Handcuffs
8—Chloride of sodium
9—Alkaline solution
10—English river
13—Season
18—Decrease

VERTICAL (Cont.)

19—Scraped linen
21—Entangle
22—Injure
23—Otherwise
25—Gathering nuts
27—Small hunting hound (pl.)
29—Greek epic poem
31—Mercenary
33—Ever (contr.)
35—Edge
38—Intrigues
39—A kind of alcohol
40—Opening
41—Free from obligation
42—Non-metallic element
43—Native of Lapland
44—Without and
45—Rescue
46—Top
47—Friend
48—Pythia
52—Cam
53—Small valley
54—Finishes
56—Scientific (abbr.)
60—Superlative suffix

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will clue others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

DANCERS' HEALTH.

IS DANCING TO-DAY A HEALTHFUL PASTIME?

A COMPARISON.

Is the dancing of to-day really the healthy pastime we try to make ourselves believe it is? asks Mr. John W. Fisher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Let us consider modern dancing, without fear or favour. It is hard to find any resemblance to the healthy open-air dances of ancient Greece. Then, the dancers trod their measures gracefully and rhythmically to the music of Nature or to muted strains from hidden groves. Now, our dancing places are more stimulating to the body than elevating to the mind.

While dance music is better than it was during "Jazzmania" days, it is still too loud. It is still too blatant. Who can say that it is calculated to stimulate one's higher thoughts, one's better desires?

Again, the hygiene of our dances is far from perfect. The man's evening clothing is usually too thick and always too stiff; women wear too little, often leaving out certain articles of underwear to which they have grown accustomed. The dance takes place in most cases in stuffy and over-heated rooms. The dancers get overheated and chill too rapidly at open windows or while sitting out. They load the overheated stomach with injurious cold liquors. They smoke too much, and return home over-tired and over-late.

Many colds and intestinal chills are caught by these practices. Too many nights' sleep are lost by the most robust of us.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



Many women injured their joints and ligaments by doing the old-fashioned Charleston. The modern fox-trot and Charleston, as well as the new Yale Blues, are healthy dances, because they are rhythmic and unjerky. In that way we have grown wiser.

Open-air dancing is the healthiest form of dancing; but in our climate, unfortunately, it is impracticable all the year round. In spring and summer, however, there is no excuse for us if we prefer to dance indoors rather than out. The old-time village green dance was almost ideal. If we cannot have hygienically ventilated dance-halls, the next best thing is to dance at home. Let us choose our largest room, throw the windows open at the top, set the gramophone going, and enjoy ourselves in comfortable clothing.

It is never advisable to enjoy dancing at the expense of the night's rest. The modern woman rather overdoes things in this respect. Unless she has danced till two o'clock she does not feel that she has been to a dance at all. To remain healthy, one should not habitually dance later than twelve. —The Daily Mail.

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LAWN TENNIS.

SIXTEEN MATCHES DECIDED IN LEAGUE.

INDIANS "A" DEFEATED.

The Lawn Tennis programme was carried out according to schedule on Saturday; sixteen matches being decided in the League.

The Chinese R.C. are thus early showing exceptional form and are already regarded as strong favourites for all three divisions. Their four teams were victorious in no uncertain manner and it will indeed be a surprise if they do not retain the championships.

In the "A" division, the Indian R.C. are feeling the loss of some of their old players. Their defeat at the hands of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha was somewhat unexpected.

The results in the "B" section panned out very much as anticipated, with the exception perhaps of the big margin of 51 games gained by the Hong Kong C.C. at the expense of their old rivals the Kowloon C.C.

The "C" division matches proved very much of a one-sided affair for the winning team in each case. South China and Club de Recreio-1 each secured a 57 games victory over the Indian R.C. and the Filipino Club respectively.

"A" Division.

CHINESE R.C. v. C.C.C.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. defeated the Craigengower C.C. by 33 games. Scores:—

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit (C.C.C.):—
beat J. W. Leonard and T. Lay 8-3
lost to O. Ismail and J. A. Cassumbhoy 5-6
beat H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 8-3

Lo Man-kam and Lo Man-wai (C.C.C.):—
beat J. W. Leonard and T. Lay 7-4
beat O. Ismail and J. A. Cassumbhoy 10-1
beat H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 6-5

Ng Sze-kwong and Lo Man-ho (C.C.C.):—
beat J. W. Leonard and T. Lay 8-3
beat O. Ismail and J. A. Cassumbhoy 7-4
beat H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. M. Sepher 7-4

(Total: C.C.C. 68, Chinese R.C. 33).

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. lost to the University by 29 games. Scores:—

E. C. Fincher and C. W. E. Bishop (K.C.C.):—
lost to F. A. Redmond and R. E. Tottenham 3-8
lost to A. A. Rumjahn and P. C. Lim 3-8
lost to T. W. Chong and K. T. San 3-8

C. E. Millard and F. G. L. Wheeler (K.C.C.):—
lost to F. A. Redmond and R. E. Tottenham 4-7
lost to A. A. Rumjahn and P. C. Lim 3-8
lost to T. W. Chong and K. T. San 5-6

(Total: K.C.C. 35, University 64).

M.B.K. v. INDIAN R.C.

At Kowloon, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha beat the Indian R.C. by 15 games. Scores:—

T. Honda and T. Akiyama (M.B.K.):—
beat S. H. Ismail and S. D. Ismail 10-1
beat I. M. Razack and J. S. A. Curreen 8-3
beat A. H. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn 6-5

T. Yamada and H. Yoshida (M.B.K.):—
beat S. H. Ismail and S. D. Ismail 6-5
beat I. M. Razack and J. S. A. Curreen 6-5
lost to A. H. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn 4-7

(Total: M.B.K. 57, I.R.C. 42).

"B" Division.

INDIAN R.C. v. M.B.K.

At Sookumpoo, the Indian R.C. defeated the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha by 19 games. Scores:—

S. A. Hussain and S. A. R. Bux (I.R.C.):—
beat T. Ema and K. Matsuo 7-4
beat G. Nakamura and Y. Koyama 8-3
beat T. Fujimori and S. Wuno 7-4

S. S. Hussain and A. G. Mohamed (I.R.C.):—
beat T. Ema and K. Matsuo 11-0
beat G. Nakamura and Y. Koyama 8-3
beat T. Fujimori and S. Wuno 6-5

(Total: I.R.C. 59, M.B.K. 40).

CHINESE R.C. v. R.E.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. beat the Royal Engineers by 31 games. Scores:—

C. Choa and C. F. Lee (C.R.C.):—
lost to Col. Skinner and Col. Wyatt 4-7
lost to Sgt. Trumper and Capt. Larkeon 3-8
beat Sig. White and Spr. Earle 6-5

Kwok Po-kan and Lau Fook-ki (C.R.C.):—
beat Col. Skinner and Col. Wyatt 7-4
beat Sgt. Trumper and Capt. Larkeon 8-3
beat Sig. White and Spr. Earle 10-1

Lau Man-ching and Iu Tak-cheuk (C.R.C.):—
beat Col. Skinner and Col. Wyatt 9-2
beat Sgt. Trumper and Capt. Larkeon 8-3
beat Sig. White and Spr. Earle 10-1

(Total: C.R.C. 65, R.E. 34).

HONG KONG C.C. v. K.C.C.

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. defeated the Kowloon C.C. by 51 games. Scores:—

G. Miskin and W. B. Cornaby (H.K.C.C.):—
beat A. W. Ramsay and A. J. Kew 9-2
beat W. Brown and J. N. Owen 8-3
beat G. S. Ford and J. S. Smith 10-1

J. G. Laurie and C. C. Stark (H.K.C.C.):—
beat A. W. Ramsay and A. J. Kew 9-2
beat W. Brown and J. N. Owen 9-2
beat G. S. Ford and J. S. Smith 9-2

(Total: H.K.C.C. 75, K.C.C. 24).

"VARSITY" v. C.C.C.

At Pokfulam, the University defeated the Craigengower C.C. by 23 games. Scores:—

G. de Sousa and J. Barrow (Varsity):—
beat W. J. Howard and G. Lia 9-2
beat A. B. Hamson and E. Zimmermann 7-4
beat H. J. Howard and J. A. Victor 8-3

H. T. Lee and H. K. Lee (Varsity):—
lost to W. J. Howard and G. Lia 5-6
lost to A. B. Hamson and E. Zimmermann 5-6
lost to H. J. Howard and J. A. Victor 9-2

(Total: Varsity 61, C.C.C. 38).

NIPPON v. RECREIO.

On their own ground, the Nippon Club lost to the Club de Recreio by 13 games. Scores:—

Sajiki and Isomura (Nippon):—
lost to J. M. Silva and F. Remedios 5-6
beat A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios 8-3
lost to E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa 4-7

Yoshikawa and Nomura (Nippon):—
lost to J. M. Silva and F. Remedios 5-6
lost to A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios 4-7
beat E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa 6-5

Hachiuma and Fujida (Nippon):—
lost to J. M. Silva and F. Remedios 2-9
beat A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios 6-5
lost to E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa 8-3

(Total: Nippon 43, Recreio 56).

"C" Division.

R.A.O.C. v. C.R.C.-1.

At Sookumpoo, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps lost to the Chinese R.C.-1 by 55 games. Scores:—

P. Hale and G. Waterfield (R.A.O.C.):—
lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 5-6
lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po 2-9
lost to Ma Wei-but and Ip Kau 4-7

E. Greenaway and H. Bryant (R.A.O.C.):—
lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 0-11
lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po 4-7
lost to Ma Wei-but and Ip Kau 1-10

W. Pepper and E. Donaldson (R.A.O.C.):—
lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 4-7
lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chow Wah-po 1-10
lost to Ma Wei-but and Ip Kau 1-10

(Total: R.A.O.C. 22, C.R.C. 77).

SOUTH CHINA v. I.R.C.

Crossing over to King's Park, the Indian R.C. lost to the South China A.A. by 57 games. Scores:—

Tsao Chung-yun and Ng San-kum (S.C.A.A.):—
beat A. Rahmin and J. S. Ackber 8-3
beat M. P. Madar and F. M. el Arculli 9-2
beat M. Hassan and M. Y. Adal 9-2

Tsang Chung-nin and Yung Nal-cheng (S.C.A.A.):—
beat A. Rahmin and J. S. Ackber 9-2
beat M. P. Madar and F. M. el Arculli 10-1
beat M. Hassan and M. Y. Adal 9-2

Lam On-kwok and Ko Tso-wang (S.C.A.A.):—
beat A. Rahmin and J. S. Ackber 9-2
lost to F. M. el Arculli and M. P. Madar 5-6
beat M. Hassan and M. Y. Adal 10-1

(Total: S.C.A.A. 78, I.R.C. 21).

C. DE R-1 v. FILIPINO.

On their own ground the Club de Recreio-1 beat the Filipino Club by 57 games. Scores:—

H. Remedios and F. Ribeiro (C. de R.):—
beat Rull and Idefonso 7-4
beat Zafra and Jesus 8-3
beat Banilde and Fernandes 10-1

L. Carvalho and J. Xavier (C. de R.):—
lost to Rull and Idefonso 11-0
beat Zafra and Jesus 8-2
beat Banilde and Fernandes 10-1

(Total: Y.M.C.A. 24, C.R.C. 75).

H.K.C.C. v. RECREIO-2.

Playing away, the Club de Recreio-2 defeated the Hong Kong C.C. by 13 games. Scores:—

G. Bichard and A. Piercy (H.K.C.C.):—
beat G. A. Noronha and L. A. Rocha 7-4
beat H. A. Barros and A. A. Remedios 7-4
beat A. Gosano and C. Barretto 7-4

H. R. Remington and C. H. Bradley (H.K.C.C.):—
lost to G. A. Noronha and L. A. Rocha 4-7
lost to H. A. Barros and A. A. Remedios 3-8
beat A. Gosano and C. Barretto 6-5

E. J. R. Mitchell and W. L. Smith (H.K.C.C.):—
lost to G. A. Noronha and L. A. Rocha 4-7
lost to H. A. Barros and A. A. Remedios 4-7
lost to A. Gosano and C. Barretto 1-10

(Total: H.K.C.C. 43, C. de R. 56).

KOWLOON C.C. v. K.R.M.Q.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Kennedy-road Married Quarters by 31 games. Scores:—

C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstenson (K.C.C.):—
beat H. Moccock and W. Hardy 8-3
beat W. E. Watson and S. Dela Hunt 6-5
beat C. Burrage and W. Gillman 8-3

W. Woodward and D. J. Purves (K.C.C.):—
beat H. Moccock and W. Hardy 8-3
beat W. E. Watson and S. Dela Hunt 7-4
beat C. Burrage and W. Gillman 6-5

P. M. Pinguet and A. E. Guest (K.C.C.):—
beat H. Moccock and W. Hardy 6-5
beat W. E. Watson and S. Dela Hunt 8-3
beat C. Burrage and W. Gillman 8-3

(Total: K.C.C. 65, K.R.M.Q. 34).

K.I.T.C. v. NIPPON.

On their own ground, the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club lost to the Nippon Club by 17 games. Scores:—

G. A. Khan and H. Singh (K.I.T.C.):—
beat T. Yamaguchi and T. Takamasa 6-5
lost to T. Hata and T. Sato 7-4
beat Y. Tahara and C. Kawano 7-4

Firdos Khan and S. R. Sallah (K.I.T.C.):—
lost to T. Yamaguchi and T. Takamasa 8-3
lost to T. Hata and T. Sato 3-8
lost to Y. Tahara and C. Kawano 4-7

(Total: K.I.T.C. 41, Nippon 59).

Y.M.C.A. v. C.R.C.-2.

At King's Park, the Y.M.C.A. lost to the Chinese R.C.-2 by 51 games. Scores:—

J. C. Faers and C. S. Pile (Y.M.C.A.):—
lost to Ng and Choy 3-8
lost to Choy and Chan 4-7
lost to Lau and Hon 4-7

A. Trambitaky and E. Ponsford (Y.M.C.A.):—
lost to Ng and Choy 3-8
lost to Choy and Chan 4-7
lost to Lau and Hon 2-9

T. P. Sanderson and J. Murphy (Y.M.C.A.):—
lost to Ng and Choy 1-10
lost to Choy and Chan 3-8
lost to Lau and Hon 0-11

(Total: Y.M.C.A. 24, C.R.C. 75).

CHAMPIONS LOSE.

KOWLOON DOCKS DEFEATED BY CRAIGENGOWER.

POLICE TROUNCE TAIKOO.

The Kowloon Dock R.C., first division champions of the Lawn Bowls League last year, went down to the Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, on Saturday, in a closely contested match. Bradbury's rink, with a margin of 15 shots, was chiefly responsible for the victory of the home team. Civil Service, rather unexpectedly, lost to the Bowling Green, although Glimmitt had a fairly comfortable win over Grey. Taikoo, playing away, were unfortunate to find the Police R.C. in particularly fine form, the latter winning on all three rinks.

In the second division, the Kowloon C.C. came a cropper against the Club de Recreio "A," losing by 34 shots. Craigengower crossed over full of hopes to meet the Kowloon Bowling Green but were trounced to the tune of 82 against 38 shots. The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club gave the East Pointers quite a scare. Taikoo had little difficulty with the Recreio "B."

Division I.

CIVIL SERVICE v. K.R.G.C.

At Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. lost to the Kowloon Bowling Green by 10 shots. Scores:—

Civil Service. Bowling Green.
J. T. Laing R. Duncan
F. Haynes A. R. Whibley
J. J. Gregory D. Holland
T. D. E. Fender W. Macfarlane

A. H. Oswick H. Nish
F. E. Booker D. Harvey
S. E. Alderman T. J. Magill
A. Hollidge W. Russell

L. Whant P. T. Farrell
H. Westlake D. Muir
J. Deakin A. Macfarlane
A. W. C. Hammett A. Grey

(Total: 53-63)

C.C.C. v. KOWLOON DOCKS.

On their own green, the Craigengower C.C. defeated the Kowloon Dock R.C. by 10 shots. Scores:—

Craigengower. Kowloon Docks.
G. T. Buchanan C. S. Atkinson
C. S. Rossette F. Goodman
C. Bennett J. A. Lindsay
R. Basa J. C. Brown

W. T. Brightman J. Puncione
H. Beer Duncan
E. el Arculli J. O. McLaggan
U. M. Omar K. McKelvie

F. J. Neves H. Cooper
M. A. R. Souza W. P. Hedley
D. Rumjahn F. Cullen
B. W. Bradbury R. Lapsley

(Total: 63-53)

POLICE v. TAIKOO.

Travelling to Happy Valley, the Taikoo R.C. lost to the Police R.C. by 16 shots. Scores:—

Police R.C. Taikoo R.C.
W. Glendinning J. Chalmers
P. Condon Grimshaw
W. Hollands Matthews
A. Clark Drummond

Wiltshire T. Young
Field D. Young
J. Clark J. Laing
W. Maier G. McLeod

J. Oram Russell
R. Marks Stalker
J. C. West Whyte
J. Moss Ferguson

(Total: 26-48)

R.A.M.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

At Sookumpoo, the Royal Army Medical Corps lost to the Civil Service C.C. by 23 games. Scores:—

R.A.M.C. Civil Service.
Maj. Cox and Barnes
lost to Maj. C. Willson and W. H. Owen 8-8
lost to A. White and R. White 4-7
lost to R. Jones and C. R. Spittley 2-9

S/S. Sims and Terman (R.A.M.C.):—
lost to Maj. C. Willson and W. H. Owen 4-7
beat A. White and R. White 7-4
lost to R. Jones and C. R. Spittley 5-6

(Total: R.A.M.C. 38, C.S.C.C. 61).

Division II.

BX LING GREEN v. C.C.C.

On their own green, the Kowloon Bowling Green defeated the Craigengower C.C. by 44 shots. Scores:—

Bowling Green Craigengower
H. Stoneham A. E. Cortes
W. Cuff D. K. Kharas
E. W. Hogbin A. A. Lewis
T. R. Forster F. T. Knott

Rundell F. K. Modl
C. Hatt S. Flegg
A. E. Silkstone J. T. Lunny
D. F. Warren A. A. Razzack

T. Ferguson J. V. D. Lely
Drake W. Nicholson
Johnston Y. Abbas
G. E. Roylance G. H. Sellwood

(Total: 82-38)

RECREIO "A" v. K.C.C.

At King's Park, the Club de Recreio "A" defeated the Kowloon C.C. by 34 shots. Scores:—

Recreio "A" Kowloon C.C.
C. F. Vas F. E. Nash
C. A. Rodrigues C. G. Harrison
C. A. Lopes L. E. Lammert
J. Ribeiro J. P. Robinson

L. C. Sousa J. T. Dobbie
R. F. Luz D. S. Green
C. Silva W. W. Hirst
L. Sousa Herridge

H. Alves H. Gittins
A. Lopes Smith
C. Marques A. W. E. Davidson
A. Ribeiro B. Fetheram

(Total: 76-42)

TAIKOO v. RECREIO "B".

On their own green, the Taikoo R.C. beat the Club de Recreio "B" by 17 shots. Scores:—

Taikoo Recreio "B"
D. Spiers F. Machado
J. Stewart A. Barros
W. Spence J. Ribeiro
D. Walmsley P. Ivanovich

R. Keown J. M. S. Rozario
D. McLean A. S. Gomes
A. Craig L. A. Gutierrez
J. Sloan A. H. Basto

C. S. Cameron E. Remedios
E. H. Howell F. X. Soares
J. Sloan H. R. Seguela
D. Munro J. S. Ozoilo

(Total: 66-49)

YACHT CLUB v. EAST POINT.

On their own green, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club lost to the East Point R.C. by 3 shots. Scores:—

Yacht Club East Point
E. S. Abraham G. Vickers
P. W. Ramsay Black
Deacon A. K. Henderson
G. Edwards H. M. McTavish

E. I. Wynne-Jones H. Hampton
G. G. Wood C. A. Goldenberg
A. Murdoch R. W. Lee
Shields (skip) 23 (skip) 18

N.V.A. Croucher F. G. Samways
Hammond Webster
F. G. Vaux R. H. Whiteford
L. J. Davies R. McKellar

(Total: 17-24)

PICKING POCKETS.

ENGLAND'S "PRINCE OF BEGGARS."

VISCOUNT KNUTSFORD.

London, March 10.
England's "Prince of Beggars," Viscount Knutsford, is soon to retire from the begging business. In his begging career of thirty-two years as chairman of the London Hospital he estimates that he has collected something like £300,000,000 which went toward the institution's upkeep, rebuilding and providing research funds.

In an article in the "Sunday Express" entitled "How to Pick Pockets," Viscount Knutsford says: "This lifelong role as beggar has embraced all phases of drama—tragedy, comedy, and sometimes melodrama which behind the fort-lights would stir the emotions of the most blasé audience."

Lord Knutsford tells how a shabbily dressed man called once and left with him \$5,000 in cash. He was a workman who had saved for years with the ultimate aim of giving the money to the hospital as soon as he had accumulated \$5,000 in gold.

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HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

May 10, 1928.

Mr. N. J. Anderson.
Messrs. A. M. Birchall, D. M. Barry.

Messrs. E. J. Carmichael, Chauviere, C. W. Cumming, Mr. H. G. Dehn.

Mess

HEROIN PILLS.

20,000 DISCUSSED AT
MAGISTRACY.

INCONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE.

On Friday morning a Chinese ship's carpenter, of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's s.s. "Hsin Wah," was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession (on board ship on May 9) of 20,000 pills, which contained eight times as much heroin as the law allowed.

He admitted possession of the pills, but stated that he did not know what they were made of. He was taking them to Canton to sell as medicine.

The Magistrate took the plea as one of "guilty" and imposed a fine of \$2,000, or, in default, six months' hard labour.

Later, Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant and secured a suspension of sentence until 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Counsel's Contentions.

Mr. Lo submitted that the defendant's plea did not amount to one of "guilty." He made reference to Section 9 of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance of 1923, which provided that "any person found with drugs, shall, until the contrary was proved, be deemed to be in possession of the drug, and also be deemed to have knowledge of the unlawful nature of the drug."

This, Mr. Lo said, meant that the onus was placed on the defence to prove that there was no guilty knowledge, and the defence must be given an opportunity to discharge that onus.

Counsel went on to say that the defendant's very statement in answer to the charge, if believed, would have entitled him to acquittal. What the defendant had admitted was possession of the pills, but not guilty knowledge as to the nature of the pills. He had said in effect that he did not know that the pills contained any ingredient which made him liable under any law.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the only defence open to Mr. Lo was one of ignorance of the nature of the pills. He could not possibly hope to succeed with a plea of ignorance of the law, as the last part of his statement seemed to imply.

Mr. Lo said that it was not his intention to plead ignorance of the law. What he had intended to convey was that the defendant did not have guilty knowledge as to the nature of the pills.

Counsel proceeded to point out that the defendant had acted very openly all along, right from the time the pills were discovered. He did not attempt to hide anything, and had given every assistance he could to the officer who had found the pills. That, he submitted, was not the action of a guilty person.

Mr. Lindsell decided to hear evidence on both sides.

Evidence.

Evidence for the prosecution was given by Revenue Officer Ward. He said that he boarded the s.s. "Hsin Wah" at the China Merchants' wharf at 6 a.m. on May 9, on ordinary search duty. He went to the carpenter's cabin which was opened by a small boy. In the cabin was a cupboard the key of which was handed over by the boy.

In the cupboard, among defendant's clothing, witness found two tins containing the pills in Court. (The analyst's certificate as to their composition was here produced.)

After discovering the pills, the witness sent a Chinese Revenue Officer with the small boy to look for the carpenter. They returned with the defendant. Defendant, who spoke some English, admitted to the witness that the cabin was his. He also admitted ownership of the pills, which he said he had bought in Shanghai for \$14 per tin, and was going to sell them at Canton for \$20 per tin.

"Take Some, Make Strong." Asked what the pills were for, the defendant replied: "Take some, make strong." The witness did not ask the defendant what the pills were made of.

The defendant, in the witness box, said that while the ship was in Shanghai, a boarding house runner brought on board a basket containing tins of pills, and asked the witness to buy some. The witness was told that the pills were of a stimulating nature, "which make a man strong after taking them." The Chinese name of the pills was "Lok Tsun" ("Six Spirit") pills.

The runner asked for \$14 per tin, and assured him that the pills could fetch \$20 per tin at Canton. On this assurance, the witness decided to buy a couple of tins with the view of making a little money on them. As far as he could remember, the runner, the pills were commonly used by the Chinese.

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AT THE G.P.O.

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NEW CAR STOLEN.

AUSTIN "PICKED UP" IN
CHATER-ROAD.

A brand new Austin seven motor car (No. 252) which was only a few days ago placed on the road for a customer by Messrs. Alex Ross and Co., Ltd., was on Saturday reported to the police to have been stolen during Friday night from the parking place in Chater-road.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the pills must be of an extraordinary nature if they could return such a large margin of profit when sold in Canton.

The witness replied that large profits were always made by the same means on Chinese medicines. Previously he had sold another kind of pills in Canton at a large profit.

"To Try His Luck." Mr. Lo submitted to the Magistrate that in his evidence the defendant had amply discharged the onus placed on him of proving that he had no guilty knowledge as to the nature of the pills. He was told that the pills were commonly used, and that a handsome profit could be made by selling them in Canton, and with his "weather eye" always open to chances to make a little extra money to augment his small pay, the defendant bought some of the pills to "try his luck."

Referring to the Magistrate's remark with regard to the large margin of profit obtainable on the pills, Mr. Lo said that it was not an extraordinary or unusual thing for an article, which was manufactured solely in Shanghai, to fetch a higher price in Canton or any other part of China. It was the ordinary and normal course of business to expect that any article can be bought cheaper at the source of its origin than elsewhere.

Pills Confiscated. Mr. Lindsell said that the evidence on both sides was of such an inconclusive nature that it permitted the belief that the defendant did not know the nature of the pills. Defendant was therefore discharged, but his Worship made an order for the confiscation of the pills.

JAPAN SPEAKS.

BARON TANAKA ON TSINAN
SNAG.

COMMUNISTS BLAMED.

Baron Tanaka has made a most important statement anent the clash with the Nationalists in Shantung.

Having asserted authority, Japan intends to pursue diplomatic means in finding a solution. But although Japan considers danger to be past in Tsinan, it is apprehensive of the outcome of possible fighting near Peking.

That all the Foreign Powers should work closely together to protect foreigners in the event of further trouble is suggested by the Japanese Premier who blames the Communist element in the Chinese Army for instigating the series of clashes.

Meanwhile, a Japanese aircraft carrier has arrived at Tsingtao and the erection of an aerodrome at Tsientsin is being carried on. Comment on what the Nationalists have done is not altogether favourable. A Tsientsin paper's view is that they have suffered a ludicrous setback.

Tokyo, Saturday. The Premier, Baron Tanaka, speaking to Pressmen, stated that now that immediate danger in the Tsinan neighbourhood had been removed, he had instructed competent authorities to use diplomatic means to settle the Tsinan affair with the Chinese.

Advancing the opinion that the clash was instigated by communists of the Nationalist Army, Baron Tanaka emphasised that Japan had no intention of interfering with the military operations of the Southerners; but owing to the possibility of the Southerners pressing towards Peking and Tsientsin and fighting in that region, it is necessary for the Powers to reach a full understanding for the protection of foreigners.—Reuter.

NEW CONDITIONS.

Chinese Merchants Control
Administration.

Tsingtao, Saturday.

Tsinan is free of Southern troops. The Japanese Consul and commanders invited the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at an interview, to take complete control of the administrative powers of Tsinan, including the telegraph, lighting and police, while the Japanese control the banditry and plain-clothes intruders.

The large shops are still closed. Others and restaurants are running as usual.—Reuter.

THE CASUALTIES.

What the Japanese Have Lost
in Troops.

Tsingtao, Saturday. Forty Japanese officers and men are reported to have been killed and 143 injured, including 67 seriously, since May 3.—Reuter.

Plane Carrier Arrives.

Tsingtao, Saturday. The Japanese warship "Notoro," a plane-carrier, arrived here on Friday.—Reuter.

WAS HE KILLED?

Japanese Fears About Mr. Tsai
Kung-shih.

Peking, Saturday.

As regards the fate of Mr. Tsai Kung-shih (the Nationalist Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinan), whom the Chinese said had been murdered by the Japanese, the Japanese now fear that he is dead.

Apparently, when the Japanese took over his yamen, he was not there. During the fighting, he attempted with a party of Chinese soldiers to enter or approach the Foreign Affairs Bureau which Japanese soldiers were holding. The whole party was mown down by machine-guns.—Reuter.

[Note: Hitherto the Japanese have strenuously denied Mr. Tsai's death.]

"LUDICROUS SETBACK."

Tsientsin Paper on China's Only
Hope.

Tsientsin, Saturday.

Commenting on the Tsinan incident, the American-owned "North China Star" (published in Tsientsin) says that despite the millions of armed men, China's militarism has just received a ludicrous setback.

Chiang Kai-shek, hailed as a new Washington and Napoleon (says the "Star"), entered Tsinan at the head of 40,000 men. There he met 3,000 Japanese troops who, in Chiang Kai-shek's words, bullied his victorious forces, disarmed many of them and chased them from Tsinan.

The "North China Star" adds that the Japanese are building an aerodrome at Tsientsin and ignoring the protests of another Chinese militarist, Chang Tso-lin. It is of the opinion that China's sole hope lies in the appeal to Geneva; but if she goes to the League of Nations, it must be with clean hands.—Reuter.

FUNDS PROMISED.

Overseas Chinese Pledge
Support.

Shanghai, Saturday. Chinese in America and in Malay have cabled the Nanking Nationalist Government that should war be declared by Japan, they will unhesitatingly assist their mother country and are willing to subscribe funds.—"Wah Keung Po."

"THE RIGHT THING."

A Japanese Consul's
Views.

Manila, May 7. "It has never been Japan's ambition to send troops to China to intrude into Chinese affairs. Japan knows that China is labouring toward its ultimate unification. As a matter of fact, the Japanese have always been the first to pave the way toward the realisation of this end because they value and hope to maintain their commercial as well as their diplomatic relations with China. China suffers from the present troubles under which her people are labouring. Nothing could be more disastrous to her desire for unification than to have her people incite trouble with other countries."

This was the declaration made yesterday by Mr. Yonekaki, acting Japanese Consul for the Philip-

TIENTSIN SCARE.

FENG MARCHING ON
PEKING.

MONGOLIAN CAVALRY.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," is closing in on Peking without, apparently, waiting for his allies, the Nationalist Army.

His Mongolian cavalry is reported to have occupied Tehchow, which the Northerners had been fortifying for defence. As Tehchow is only 100 miles or so from Tsientsin, considerable uneasiness is felt by the Chinese there. Kucheng, on the Grand Canal, is known to have been taken by Feng Yu-hsiang's Kuominchun. The Northerners at Tehchow are falling back on Tsangchow where a fierce struggle is anticipated.

Whether the Northerners will fight or stand seems to depend on a momentous council-of-war which is being held in Peking now. That Marshal Chang Tso-lin has decided to withdraw is evident from his calling back his men so as to let the Shansi Nationalists get Shih-chia-chwang, rather than let it fall into the hands of the Kuominchun.

Tientsin, Saturday. There is great unrest among the Chinese in this city owing to a report that Nationalist troops who joined the column of the Kuominchun which has been operating north of the Yellow River, are advancing northward; also that the Northern units which were sent to hold Tehchow (about 175 miles due south of Peking) have evacuated Tehchow.—Reuter.

[Note: Tehchow is near the boundary between Chihli and Shantung provinces. It is on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, roughly 100 miles from Tientsin.]

Pierce Struggle Expected. Tientsin, Saturday. The Kuominchun column (the commander-in-chief of which is the "Christian General") has occupied Kucheng (on the Grand Canal) and is marching on Tehchow (which the Northerners had intended to defend).

At Tehchow, contrary to earlier reports, few Northern troops remain. Most of these Northern troops have retreated northward to Tsangchow where a fierce struggle is expected.—Reuter.

[Note: Tsangchow is also on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, about 40 miles north of Tehchow, or 60 miles from Tientsin.]

Tehchow Occupied. Shanghai, Saturday. It is reported from Tientsin that the Mongolian cavalry of Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") occupied Tehchow on Friday night.—Reuter.

Backing on Tientsin. On receipt of a report that advance guards of the Southerners had reached Wukiao, the Northern commander in the eastern district has commenced a withdrawal to Machang, which is near Tientsin.—Reuter.

in connection with the present affairs in China. He justified the action taken by the Japanese Government in sending troops to Tsinan saying that Japan did only what was right. He explained that Japan has the greatest interests in the affected regions which demand immediate protection.

GENERALS MEET.

Momentous Conference in
Peking.

Peking, Saturday.

An important conference of the military leaders of the Northern Government is being held during the week-end.

General Chu Yu-pu (who has charge of Chihli province) has arrived.

General Sun Chuan-fang (who was defeated by the Southerners), General Chang Hsueh-liang (the son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin) and General Yang Yu-ting (Chief of General Staff) are due to-morrow.

They will discuss with Marshal Chang Tso-lin the Northern attitude towards the situation in Shantung province after which an official announcement is expected.—Reuter.

CHIHLI FRONT.

Northerners Give Shih-chia-
chwang to Shansi.

Peking, Saturday.

Those units of the Northern Army holding the Peking-Hankow Railway in Chihli province have evacuated Shih-chia-chwang, which is a strategic point near the junction with another railway which runs westward into the province of Shansi, the governor of which is an ally of the Nationalists. Shansi troops subsequently occupied Shih-chia-chwang.

This move bears the appearance of an arrangement between the Peking Government and Shansi province.—Reuter.

[Note: The suggestion is that the Peking leaders prefer to let Shansi have the railway and the centre of Chihli rather than let it fall into the hands of their traditional enemy, Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General."]

Defenders in Retreat.

Tientsin, Saturday.

The Northern Army has abandoned Shunteh and Shih-chia-chwang and retreated northward to Chengting (the junction of the Peking-Hankow and Shansi Railways).

Trains from Peking cannot go further south than Paoing at present, the service having been suspended.—Reuter.

IN 23 DAYS.

ANOTHER WORLD FLYING
ATTEMPT.

AIRMAN AND WRITER.

New York, May 7.

John Henry Mears, playwright, and Charles B. N. Collyear, aviator, have announced their plan to circle the globe in 23 days, starting their flight from New York on June 9.

The fliers will start in a seaplane after the steamship "Ile de France" sails from New York, expecting to overtake the steamer a hundred miles out at sea. After passing the boat, they will fly to Cuba, and from Cuba they will proceed direct to Europe. Flying across Europe and Asia, they expect to board the "Empress of Canada" and arrive in Victoria, Canada, on June 30. From Canada they will resume their flight proceeding direct to New York to complete their trip.—United Press.

SOVIET SMUGGLING.

ACTIVITY ON RUSSIAN
BORDER.

REVENUE HIT.

Moscow, May 3.

The Soviet Union suffered an "unfavourable trade balance" of about 13,000,000 rubles on contraband "imports" and "exports" last year, official figures reveal.

About 6,335,000 rubles' worth of goods was smuggled across the Soviet frontiers in the fiscal year 1926-7. Approximately the same amount of Soviet currency was illegally taken out of the country, together making a loss of some 13,000,000 rubles.

Officials estimate that private traders profited to the extent of forty or fifty million rubles on smuggled goods during the year—from 600 to 700 per cent. on their investment, if the figures are to be believed.

Beating the Customs. Professional smuggling has been declining, it is pointed out, but "beating the customs" through tricks is on the increase. Thus an enormous amount of goods brought in as baggage by native and foreign travellers eventually finds its way to the open market. In the same way tons of thousands of parcels permitted access as intended for personal use are actually sold by the recipients.

The principal contraband imports listed are woollen and cotton fabrics, linen, perfumes and adding machines. On the Asiatic frontiers the chief items smuggled are cheap cotton goods, tea, tobacco and alcohol.—United Press.

Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

TENNIS, BATHING,
BILLIARDS, ETC.

Our first essay into the realms of the Tennis League was with some degree of trepidation, and it is our woful duty to record that our first match against the R.A.M.C. was lost. The great difficulty in Hong Kong is to find time and opportunity to do all the things that one wants to do; had we Daylight Savings, which works, we believe, in Colombo very successfully, ample opportunity to indulge in more sport would be afforded. At present Bathing, Picnics, etc. with Tennis, to the detriment of both. We wonder if the power that be could allow us a little longer evening. It is very noticeable in winter, during the Hockey and Football seasons, coming home from the office at five o'clock, it leaves but little time to play a respectable sort of match before the light falls.

Island Bay. Island Bay was chosen as the objective, as this little bay wants a great deal of beating for a bathing party. The next picnic is to take place on May 20, when, weather and other incidentals permitting, we shall go to Cheung Chau.

A gratifying response has been given to the notice about the Service Men's Billiards Tournament, but we are hoping that a few more teams will enter. The last day for sending in applications will be Saturday, May 26.

The Cheer 'O. We have received a notice to the effect that the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. is changing from the Cheer 'O' in Queen's-buildings to more commodious premises in the City Hall on May 16, but the official opening is to take place on May 24, appropriately enough on Empire Day. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has promised to open the new place, but further details will be given later.

The Quiet Hour. The speaker at the Quiet Hour at 9 last night was Mr. H. A. Wilbur, who is one of the advisory secretaries of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and next week, the Rev. E. K. Quick, of St. Stephen's College.—Contributed.

AUDIENCE STARTLED

BOMB THROWN BETWEEN
THEATRES.

Seattle, Saturday. A bomb exploded at night between two theatres, shattering the windows in the neighbourhood and filling one theatre with smoke. The audiences in both theatres almost reached a state of panic. No explanation of the outrage is to hand.—Reuter.

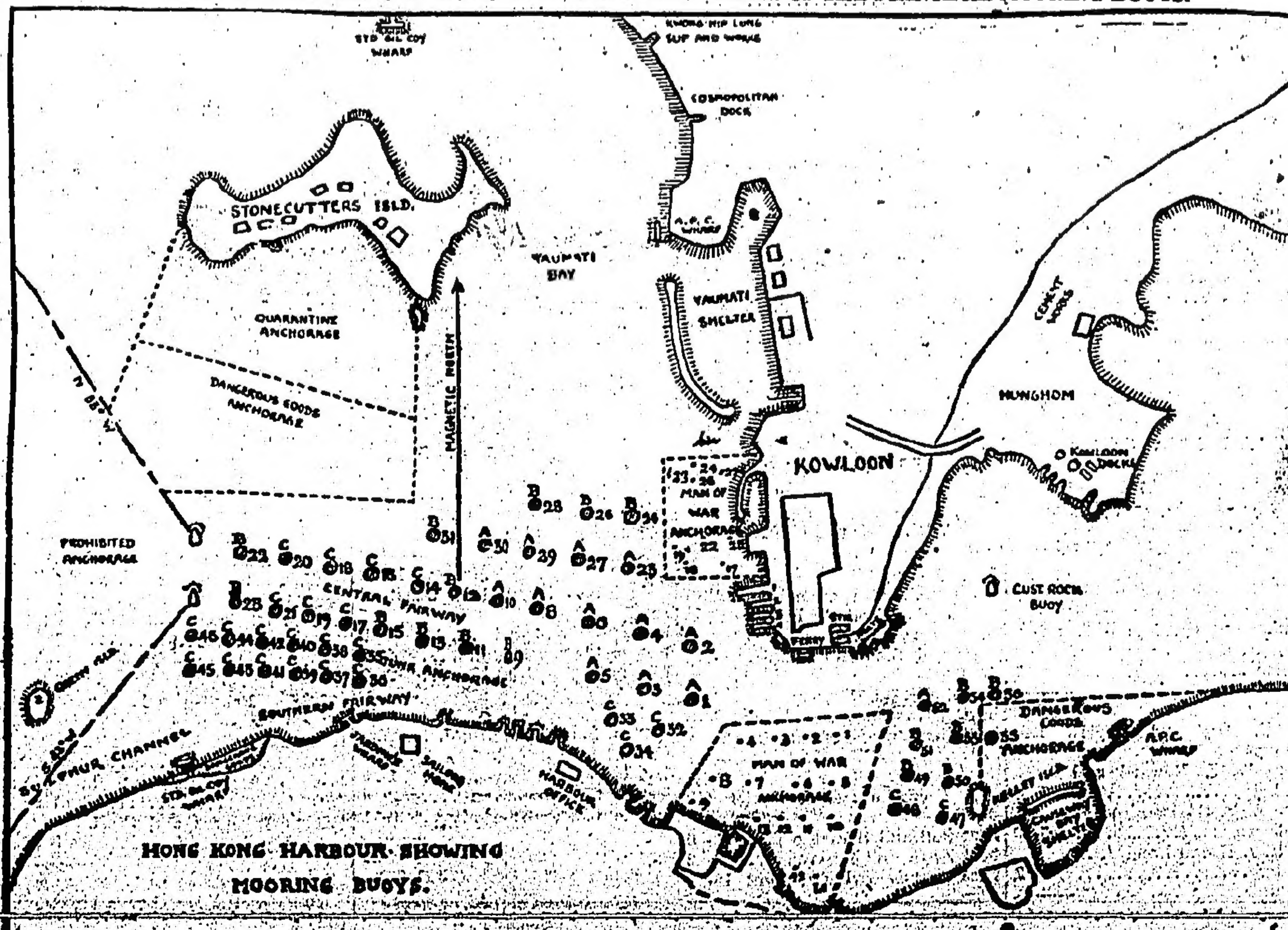
CAPITULATIONS.

SOUTH PERSIAN TOWNS
CELEBRATING.

Basrah, Saturday. South Persian towns are celebrating the abrogation of foreign capitulations in Persia.—Reuter.

The Belgian Minister, M. Leon de Meir, de Warze d'Herville, is, along with his wife travelling home by the M.M.S. "Chenon."

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ALBRECHT DURER.

QUATERCENTENARY OF HIS DEATH.

A MASTER OF LINE.

R. R. Tatlock writes in the London "Daily Telegraph":—Durer died on April 6, 1528, so that to-morrow (April 6) will be the 400th anniversary of the event. It is probably safe to say that at no previous time has his art been more fully appreciated, or his individual pictures, on the rare occasions when they come on the market, more eagerly sought for. We still connect the name of Durer principally with work in black and white, and with drawings and woodcuts in particular. But a just estimate of his place in art history can only be arrived at by taking into consideration everything he achieved in whatever medium.

No small part of his importance to us who have to look back across 400 years to discern his figure is due to the fact that as an artist not only was he a link between one epoch and another, but he was one of the rare creative artists who in person connected the North and the South.

The two epochs are represented, on the one hand, by the whole vast activity of the Gothic artists and craftsmen, and, on the other, by the century following his death, in which art seemed suddenly to break all prescribed bounds so far as richness of subject matter and variety of technical method are concerned. At the same time artists as such grew much more self-conscious than formerly. They no longer worked in solid groups, but came out, as it were, into the open, each man intent on expressing his own personality and often inscribing the work of his hands with his name.

This change did, of course, come about gradually, and as the result of the activities of many masters, not only painting, but of literature and the arts in general; and it was immensely hastened by a profound change of public spirit connected more or less with the adoption of a fresh view of the moral and religious life. But if we consider pictorial art alone and look among the names of the great artists of the period for one representing the new age without being out of sympathy with the old, we almost inevitably think of the name of Durer.

Link Between North and South. His significance as a link between north and south is Venice, probably in the winter of 1494-96. His letters from Venice

and elsewhere reveal the extent to which he influenced both the thoughts and the art of Italy.

Everybody in the South seems to have been as amazed at his dexterity with pencil and brush as delighted with his personality as an acquaintance. He was the possessor of singular physical beauty, of a ready tongue, and an engaging manner. He was self-confident but not self-assertive, good-humoured but not either flippant or coarse, serious-minded but never gloomy, pious but never fanatical, learned but not a bore. But above all he was one of those, none too numerous in those days of spiritual twilight, who could without exaggeration be described as a happy man. With all these accomplishments and with his art besides, can it be wondered at that he was a favourite north and south and wherever he went?

The joy in life that Durer undoubtedly experienced as a man is not very obvious in his work. But it is a complete mistake to assume, as is so often assumed, that what we see and know of a man is reflected in his art. Innumerable cases give the lie to that assumption, and suggest that, as I believe to have been the case with Durer, most artists really react in their work from the thoughts and emotions of everyday life. Durer's work is full of dark thoughts, morose images, and the odour of death pervades it, and there is something in the contorted lines of many of his prints that seems to symbolise the uneasy conscience and the forbidding theories of those Dark Ages that still echoed in the streets of old Nuremberg when Durer was a boy.

Greatness of his Genius.

But great work in art can be created in any mood familiar to the ordinary human being, and it would be bad criticism to appraise the art of a Durer in accordance with the impression the subject-matter makes upon us. Looking at his art as a whole and for its own sake, there can be no manner of doubt that he was a great genius. What he set out to depict he depicted better than almost any of his contemporaries, far better than any of his compatriots.

In colour he was not great (no single German artist was), but in line he was marvellous. I do not wish to give a catalogue of his works, which may be found in any of the books on Durer, but to make this one point clear. I would draw attention to a single passage of drawing—the dress of the female model in the celebrated print entitled "Melancholia."

It only remains to sketch very shortly the career of the artist. Albrecht Durer was of Hungarian descent, his ancestors having been

stock-breeders. His father, however, was a goldsmith (how many of the parents of Renaissance painters were craftsmen!), who came to Nuremberg in 1455. Albrecht, or Albert, as we should have called him, was the third of eighteen children. He was born on May 21, 1471. He learned in his early years the secrets of the goldsmith's art, but he insisted on being a painter and was bound in 1486 to the Nuremberg painter, Michel Wolgemut.

A Discredited Tradition.

After serving three years he disappears from view, but we know from his own writings that he was "sent away, and absent four years, until my father required me back... so I returned in 1494, after Whitsuntide." The diary continues, in a quaint and characteristic style, "And when I reached home, Hans Frey treated with my father, and gave me his daughter Agnes, and he gave me with her two hundred florins, and the marriage was celebrated on the Monday before St. Margaret's Day (July 7), in the year 1494." There is a tradition that the marriage was unhappy, but this is now more or less discredited.

Durer's first Venetian visit, as has been said, was apparently in 1494 and 1495. For the rest he lived for some time after his marriage with his father, after whose death in 1502 he attended to the interests of his mother, and taught his young brother Hans how to paint.

The rest of Durer's life was occupied mainly with drawing, print-making, painting, talking, writing, and travelling. In the autumn of 1505 he went to Venice, where he stayed till 1507. Then, in Nuremberg again, comes the "Adam and Eve" and other great works, and a few years later "The Trinity." In 1520-21 we find him settling out for the Netherlands with his wife, and we have a detailed journal from his own pen describing that tour, which still makes excellent reading. Little else is known of him, except that he continued to work until, after having painted the wonderful "Four Apostles" (now in Munich), he died in his native city four centuries ago.

Unable Seaman: "The surgeon said to me, 'I'm sorry, but there's a sponge missing, and I believe it's inside you.' 'What's the odds,' I said. 'Let it be, and there it is to this day.'"

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